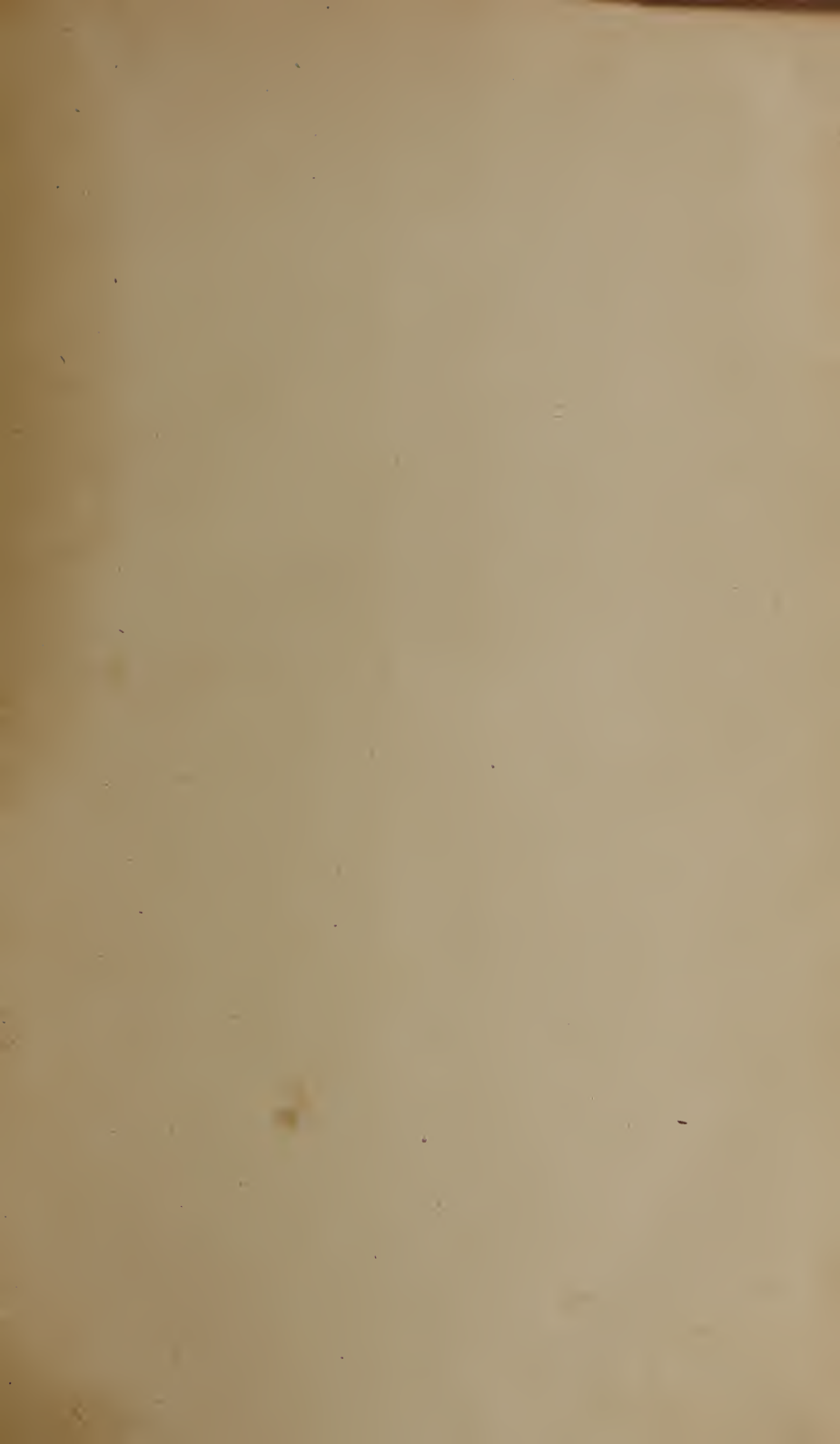
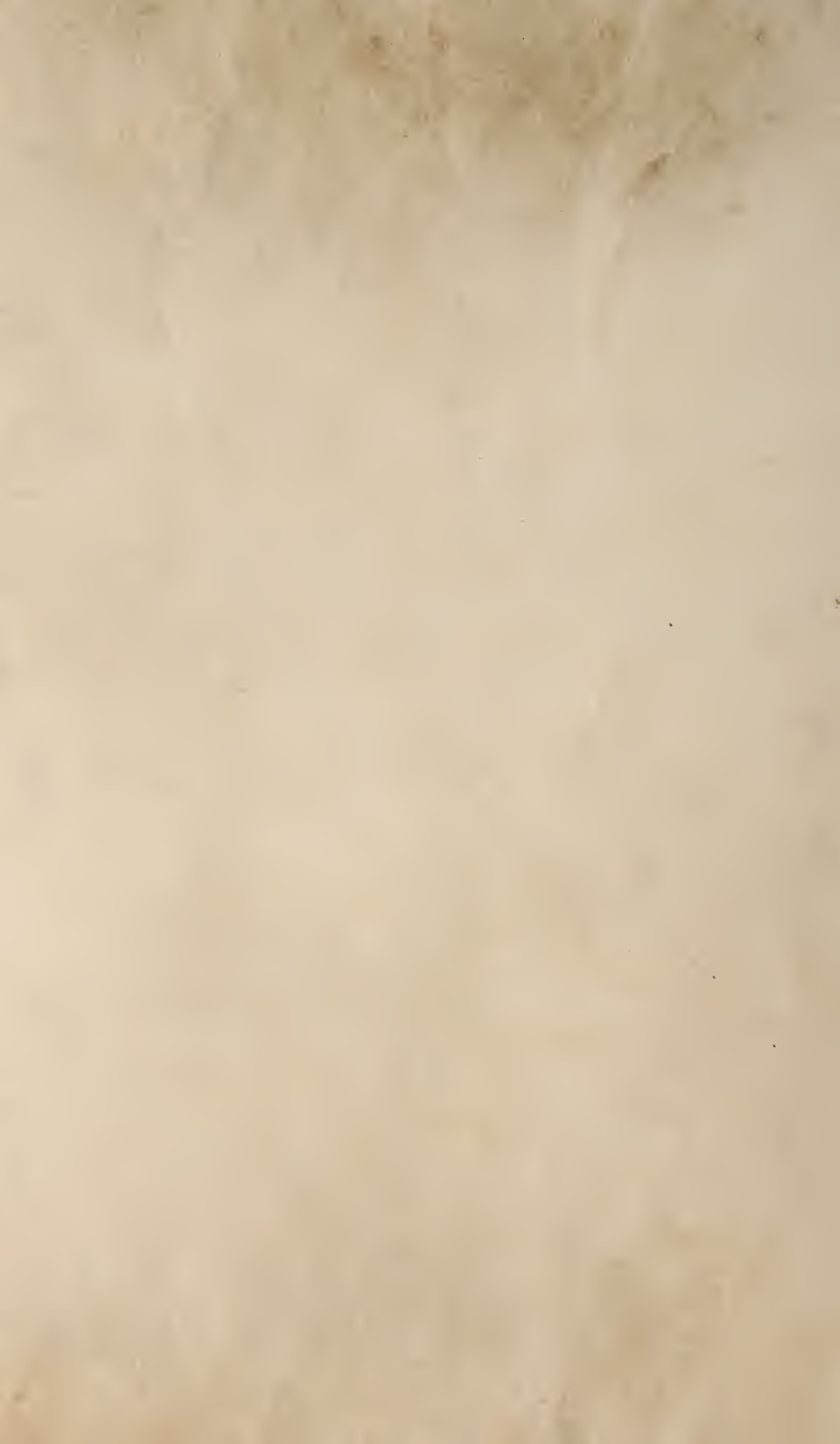


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It is recommended that a Church Contribution be made on the first Lord's Day of eight months of the year, annually, as follows:

1. Foreign Missions, January.
2. Sustentation, March.
3. Publication, May.
4. Church Erection, July.
5. Ministerial Relief, September.
6. Education, October.
7. Home Missions, November.
8. Freedmen, December.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

THE GREAT EVIL OF DEBT, BUT NOT AN UNMIXED EVIL.

A few weeks ago we were constrained to issue a circular to all our missionaries. The opening paragraph contains these ominous words:—

DEAR BROTHER—"Up to the present time, as you are aware, we have been able to pay our missionaries promptly; but our present increasing indebtedness, the general stagnation in business, the lack of hopefulness and courage in the community render it very doubtful whether we shall be able to do so any longer, during the current year."

The message had an immediate effect, and showed how narrow a margin many of these men have in their financial operations. Some had notes at the bank on which they were paying exorbitant rates of interest; some had been compelled to build houses for their families; some to buy horses for long missionary tours; some had incurred bills from sickness and death in their families; all of which they had expected to pay off with the coming remittance. In great alarm they have written us begging to be made exceptions to the ordinary rule, or asking for at least a part of their appropriation at the regular time to save them from distress or disaster. We are trying to make arrangements to meet such exceptional cases, and the brethren may depend on a remittance at the earliest possible moment.

Meanwhile we are receiving other responses. Some brethren say, "We have credit, we can wait;" some say, "Do not reduce the brethren out west to suffering, pay them and I will wait." Others say, "I have read your circular to my churches, and have asked for a special collection for your Board:" (which we did *not* ask) and some say, "Our churches will

do *more* for my support, or become self-sustaining," (which we *did* ask), and not a few say, "We remit the next quarterly payment and send you herewith receipt."

The circular is doing good by turning attention to the condition and ability of aid-receiving churches. The people who give money now give at a real sacrifice, and they have a right to inquire, and they do inquire if all these churches are really entitled to aid. The readers of our Annual Reports—and they are many—see that we have organized 221 churches during the last two years, while only 76 have become self-sustaining. They see that such a condition of things cannot go on indefinitely. They understand Presbyteries and committees are human, and that means that they are weak in spots and chicken-hearted at times. They know that children never wean themselves, but must be subjected to a considerable affectionate pressure and coercion, and they know that men are but children of a larger growth. But they insist that the Board shall throw off these older nurselings notwithstanding all their noisy and clamorous remonstrances. Some of the churches and pastors, and Presbyteries perhaps, are beginning to feel that the time has come, with abundant harvests and reduced ratio of living, that more churches shall be reduced in the amount applied for and that many shall be aided no longer.

Sometimes we get a little side light on this matter. At the request of a "Ladies' Missionary Society," to furnish the name of a family for a missionary box we sent the name of a worthy minister in a Western State. When the case was laid before the society two of the ladies began to demur; they said, "We have friends in that town, which has from 5,000 to 6,000 inhabitants and only one Presbyterian Church, and that one well to do—one of the most fashionable in town—our friends and the congregation are somewhat stylish, and the people are quite as able to support their pastor as we are ours."

The record of the church was looked up; the membership during the last seven years found to range between 104 and 150, now 110, and the congregational column indicating quite large contributions for home expenses. The effect on that sewing society can readily be imagined. We had to send them another name.

Now this is undoubtedly an exceptional though not a solitary case. But all such cases demoralize the givers all over the Church and make a more careful and conscientious scrutiny necessary on the part of all concerned. Home Mission funds are freely given to aid the really needy churches—and no others; and the response of a Committee to a given church appealing for aid was most appropriate, "Sell your pipe organ and pay your debts, then you can support your pastor without missionary aid." We must have more churches assuming self-support.

And yet we are bound to say, that with all possible retrenchment on our part, so many churches are crippled, that we are in danger of closing

the year with a disastrous debt. There is no need of it. If the pastors will keep the matter before the people, if the people will organize a thorough canvass of their congregations and give all an opportunity to contribute, and if the Presbytery will give delinquent churches no rest till they forward collections to our Board all will be well; otherwise a discouraging and distressing debt at the end of the year is inevitable.

As many of the churches are accustomed to make their annual collection for Home Missions in November, we hope they will bear these things in mind; and remember too that collections forwarded immediately to our Board will afford immediate relief to our needy pastors and missionaries.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS,

No. 23 Centre Street, New York.

\$250 SUPPORTS A MISSIONARY.

A gentleman—a Treasurer of a strong church in the heart of New York—enclosing a collection, wrote as follows:

“Would not the churches take a more decided interest in Missions, and a greater number be induced to take upon themselves the responsibility of supporting *at least* one if they were directly interested in *that one*? Let each church, contributing enough for support of a Missionary, consider that Missionary *its own*, and receive regularly reports direct from him as to progress, &c. In this way a personal interest in the man and his work would be created; a great want of the Church to-day. Could such a plan be adopted without interfering with workings of the ‘Boards?’”

This gentleman is quite right. Personal and direct interest in our Missionaries, and definite information from the field, would greatly enlarge the contributions of the churches and the Sabbath-schools.

It seems this gentleman had not known that we had been acting on his suggestion many years, and had fully tested its efficacy—as the following letter will show—a letter written from a leading city in Ohio:

“I hand you herewith enclosed draft of ——— Bank of ———, upon the Bank of America, New York, in the sum of \$250, payable to my order, and by me endorsed to your order, being my *eighth* annual contribution of \$250 for Board of Home Missions, and to be applied to the support of ——— at ——— Kansas.”

The writer had known and acted on this idea for *eight* years, and his last installment, as above, makes a round \$2000, which he has paid into our Treasury in that time, and probably it is four times as much as he would have paid if he had not had this distinct purpose and full information from the field. For, several times he has written that he feared he could not continue to pay so much, and yet the satisfaction he receives in

reading the reports of his far away Kansas Missionary, and his sympathy with the great work are such, that about the same time every year he manages to forward the \$250.

It is sometimes supposed that after such a generous contribution for one year, a collapse follows, and then less is given than ever before. But the effect has been quite the contrary. A gentleman and his wife, in Brooklyn, gave each \$250, in support of two excellent Missionaries in the West for many years, till the gentleman's death; and added \$500 one year for a church edifice; and the wife continued her contribution just the same after her husband's death.

Twelve or fifteen years ago, a gentleman in Troy, N. Y., accepted the idea and gave \$500, the average support of *two* Missionaries, the first year and \$300 towards a church edifice, and he kept up a corresponding scale of benevolence till failing health necessitated a change of business and a reduced expenditure.

The Board has about 1200 Missionaries in the country, largely in the West. They are doing a great work. They had in their Sabbath-schools 131,000 children; they organized 132 churches and gathered in about 12,000 souls, about 7000 on profession of faith, or more than *one-fifth* of the number received by the whole church during the year.

Any man, therefore, who will give us \$250 yearly, and in quarterly installments if he please, will in effect be preaching the Gospel by proxy. He may be assured on the Sabbath evening, that he has been preaching the Gospel through the day, by the voice of another, to a people that otherwise would not have heard the voice of a Presbyterian preacher. Hence, we make this offer to any individual, or family—namely, on the payment of \$250, a Missionary, as above stated, may be selected from our list as the recipient of the same. who shall be instructed to correspond with the donors concerning his work, and the field of labor on which the money is expended, and they shall know what the results of the investment are.

We have made this arrangement with many Sabbath-schools, and it has proved delightful and profitable not only to the children of the school, but often also to whole congregations. For the quarterly letters which they receive from the Missionary correspondent are often read at the monthly concert of prayer, and constitute an important part of the information furnished on the occasion. Many a school could easily raise for Home Missions \$62.50 per quarter, and the blessing thus bestowed would return a blessing to themselves.

This arrangement has been of an unspeakable comfort and encouragement to the Missionaries and their families. It is a great thing to know that others are watching them and praying for them. It makes their burdens lighter and their arms stronger for work.

Will you not carefully consider this matter, and if possible send us this amount of aid? Cannot the Sabbath-school connected with your church

thus take up and secure for itself a regular correspondent on the Home Mission field? Would it not give them more definite ideas about our country and our church work, draw out their sympathies and do them good? Be so kind as to aid us in some such way that the whole country may be evangelized; for the work is very great and the demand pressing and growing.

H. KENDALL, }
CYRUS DICKSON, } *Secretaries.*

O. D. EATON, *Treasurer.*

[We publish the following letter because it illustrates the growth and the method of growth in western congregations. It is one case, but there are hundreds like it.]

KANSAS.

Minneapolis.

REV. H. BUSHNELL, JR.

This second quarterly report for the present year I make on the eve of my departure for Synod. That body meets at Wichita, one hundred and twenty-five miles distant, and nearly due south of Minneapolis, and the journey is to be made in my buggy. Hence I anticipate a few days the close of the quarter.

On the first day of July the cars began their regular trips from Solomon, on the main line of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, to this place. It has greatly promoted the prosperity of Minneapolis, and as it will end here for the present we look for a considerable growth in population. A large quantity of wheat has already been shipped from this place, some days as many as seventeen loaded cars have gone out. A telegraph line has also been constructed here, so we are in direct connection with the world, and have good material prospects for the future. The peach crop in this valley has been very fair, and as it is the first, we feel very much rejoiced and encouraged. Farmers are now daring to set out fruit trees, who heretofore thought it useless.

At our July communion we received four new members by letter, and one child was baptized. The prayer-meeting (a union meeting) has been well sustained and is very interesting. A year ago I mourned over the fact that so few Presbyterians attended; now we are often in the majority. The Sabbath-school, too, is well sustained.

Our church building has been so crowded that an addition of sixteen feet has been made to it; it has also been greatly strengthened against the mighty winds we sometimes have. It will be ready for use, we hope, in a week or two, and I believe we shall be only forty-five dollars in debt. It is an improvement that has cost me great anxiety, and I rejoice at its near completion.

One half of my time has been given in other places, exploring and trying to find points for permanent occupancy. In Fountain Township, on Salt Creek, twelve miles north-west from here I have preached regularly once a month, and hope to organize a church. A petition to Presbytery in favor of such an organization was signed by fifty persons living in that neighborhood. They will not all come into the church, but freely expressed their wish in regard to it.

The churches of Bennington and Culver, in the southern part of the county, and which I supplied last year have not yet secured a pastor, and I shall be obliged to supply them now and then until one is found. I preached at Culver last Wednesday night to a good congregation. Next Sabbath night I am to preach at Bennington.

WA-KEENEY, TREGO CO., KAN., *August 5th*, 1878.

REV. DR. KENDALL :

DEAR SIR :—Your kind letter has just reached me. Please accept my sincere thanks for your interest in my behalf, away on this frontier field. I shall be glad to become the missionary in part of the Second Church of Newark, Ohio, and will (D. V.) write them four letters every year, or in any other way that it seems to you or them to enhance the glorious cause of Home Missions in this wonderful region of country. I feel as if Kansas was a young empire destined to become we know not what. I have sent you my first quarterly report a few days ago. I hope you have received it.

Yesterday two persons united with us on profession of their faith. I feel encouraged to work here more and more. Dear Doctor, we need some Sunday-school books, second-hand will do, some Bibles and Testaments *very, very much* indeed. Perhaps you might hear of some church who could aid us a little in this way ; or you might mention some way of procuring them if you knew of any so disposed.

I purpose leaving at 3 A. M. to-morrow morning on a journey of sixty miles across two or three counties to look after several families of Presbyterians. I will have the open prairie for my bed for three or four nights. The Master is with me, and it is all right. I am going to Russell. The railroad fare is so very high that I could not possibly pay the same at present. I will write a letter to the Second Church of Newark, Ohio, very soon, and do as you have kindly requested.

Hoping soon to hear from your Board, and praying that the blessing that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow may ever be yours,

I am sincerely your missionary,

JAMES K. WILSON.

MISSOURI.

FAREWELL GREETING FROM REV. JOHN P. FINLEY.

BROOKFIELD, *September 9th*, 1878.

I enclose in this the last report I may have to make to you as a missionary receiving aid from your Board. My church promised last year to try and be self-supporting this year. My deacons informed me, just as I started to Presbytery on Monday, September 1st, that they had secured \$550 in good subscriptions toward my support this year. I had determined to try and live on \$600. When they came so near the amount I would not consent that they should make any application this year. We will trust the Lord to help us through.

I cannot take my leave of the Board without expressing my sincere thanks to God and to you, as the ministers of His bounties and kindness, for the many favors you have shown us since we organized our church twelve years ago. It has been a struggle with us all the time, but you have stood by us all the time; you have given us every dollar we ever asked. I am glad to say we are in a good spiritual condition. We have received one hundred and sixty-eight members in this church during its continuance of twelve years. Of these six have died, three have been suspended, six have gone away, and we have lost all knowledge of them. Seventy-six have been dismissed regularly. Seventy-seven remain.

Praying that God may abundantly bless the Board, and you personally, I shall ever remain your friend,

NEW JERSEY.

Prosperous and Courageous.

FROM REV. J. P. H.

N. J., *September 23d*, 1878.

MY DEAR SIR:—My last quarterly report is now some time over due, and has been held back until I could know just what to write.

It is a pleasure to look back a year, when my commission was dated, and compare the precarious and despondent condition of our affairs at that time with the confident and cheerful spirit which this year has brought about. Our property is our own again, our debt is reduced to four thousand dollars, and a small payment has been made upon this. Our building, which was wretchedly out of repair, has been painted and put in order (with the help of sister churches), and above all, the heavy, despondent spirit which hung like a pall over us is gone, and there is a new life and hope manifested everywhere. We enter upon our fall work with strong desire and expectation of spiritual growth and up-building, which of itself seems to be an earnest of the blessing which we seek.

I need not tell you how largely the grant which your Board made us at the time of our greatest need, contributed toward this change; nor the gratification we feel in having our relation toward the Board permanently changed from that of a beneficiary to that of a supporter, however small that support may be; and we hope that this new relation will not be less intimate and cordial than the old.

Your circular to the missionaries, recently sent out, was read to our Session and Board of Trustees, and I was by them instructed, in view of the facts there presented, to make no claim for the last quarter's installment now due me from the Board. I am very glad to write you to that effect.

TEXAS.

One writes of Texas as follows: "Looking on the field, there is reason for thankfulness as well as encouragement. May the Lord continue to prosper the work. The reports in regard to our work are quite encouraging—increasing rapidly in importance and extent. New churches organized, and several new church buildings in progress will be finished shortly and ready for use. Still, there is much ground to occupy and cultivate. Several points attractive and promising need preaching.

RESULTS OF MISSION WORK.

During the late sessions of the Synod of Philadelphia, a very effective address in behalf of Home Missions was delivered by the Rev. N. G. Parke, of Pittston, Pa., in which he alluded to his own early missionary labors in Scranton, Pa., and its vicinity. From the seed thus sown, large and flourishing churches have grown, which in turn are helping to send the Word to other fields. Thus the mission church of to-day becomes the supporter of missions to-morrow, giving substantial proofs of its grateful interest in the good work.

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS IN SEPTEMBER, 1878.

Of the following five are Sustentation Pastorates.

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| Rev. S. B. Stevenson, Allegany, N. Y. | Rev. L. Nott, Saginaw, Tittabassee and Blackmer, Mich. |
| Rev. G. W. F. Birch, Bethany, N. Y. | Rev. J. Moore, Galesville, Wis. |
| Rev. E. J. Davies, Pittsfield and Garland, Pa. | Rev. J. Rice, Scotch Grove and Bethel, Iowa. |
| Rev. A. Tully, Upper Mt. Bethel, Pa. | Rev. G. R. Carroll, Sac City, Iowa. |
| Rev. D. Waggoner, Mill Village, Pa. | Rev. J. Cooke, Storm Lake and Eden, Iowa. |
| Rev. W. M. Hargrave, Knox, Baltimore, Md. | Rev. A. M. Dixon, D. D., Edgar, Neb. |
| Rev. J. W. Kirk, French Creek, Walkersville, Lebanon and Centreville, W. Va. | Rev. A. F. Randolph, Tecumseh and Simeon, Neb. |
| Rev. G. M. Fleming, Buckhannon and Weston, W. Va. | Rev. R. Christison, Columbus, Neb. |
| Rev. R. D. Scott, Youngstown, 2d, Ohio. | Rev. E. Scofield, Jr., Fremont, Neb. |
| Rev. J. Gilmore, Hanover and Elizabeth, Ill. | Rev. W. L. Miller, Ozark Prairie, Mo. |
| Rev. H. P. Carson, Harden, Ill. | Rev. A. Steed, Moberly, Mo. |
| Rev. J. J. Graham, Mount Vernon, Ill. | Rev. T. H. Allen, Grace Centre, Shiloh and Mt. Moriah, Mo. |
| Rev. J. N. B. Smith, Du Bois, Ill. | |

Platte—Dawn, 2; Hopkins, 3. *St. Louis*—Salem, German, "special," 10. 32 00
 NEBRASKA.—*Kearney*—Elk Dale, 1; Lone Tree, 4. *Nebraska City*—Highland, 6; Meridian, 7; Tecumseh, 5; Little Salt, 7 50. *Omaha*—Belle Creek, 1 12; Clark, 11 3. 32 75
 NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Basking Ridge, Sab-sch., 10; Cranford, 5 10; Dunellen (in part) 10 93; Elizabeth, Siloam, 1 50; Roselle, 1st, (Sab-sch., 13 29), 32 07. *Jersey City*—Jersey City, Claremont, 125; Norwood, Ladies' Soc'y, 14 60; Rutherford Park, 10 01; Tenafly, 7 15. *Monmouth*—Jacksonville, 3 74. *Morris and Orange*—Hanover (Columbia Sab-sch.), 10; Lower Valley, 20; Madison, 16 79; Morristown, 1st, 194 47; Orange, Central, 200. *Newark*—Newark, Wick-liffe, 3 33. *New Brunswick*—Ewing, Ladies' Soc'y, 11; Stockton, 5 50. *Newton*—Blairstown, Sab-sch., 10 87; Yellow Frame, 5 76. *West Jersey*—Cedarville, 1st, Sab-sch., 28 09. 725 91
 NEW YORK.—*Boston*—Rev. J. P. Watson, 1. *Hudson*—Chester, 80; Goodwill, 12 08; Middle-town, 2d, 13 97; Scotchtown, 4 03. *New York*—New York, Fourth Avenue, Mon. concert coll., 7 75. *North River*—Malborough, 40 41; Rondout, 24 67. *Westchester*—Rye, 200 65. Hugue-not Memorial, 3 27. 397 83
 PACIFIC.—*San Jose*—Livermore, 5; Mayfield, 11; Menlo Park, 19 20; San Juan, 2. 37 20
 PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Darby, Borough, 111 19; Doe Run, a member, 1. *Lackawanna*—Franklin, 1 96; Langcliff, 50. *Lehigh*—Bangor, 7 Shenandoah, 2 75; Summit Hill, (Sab-sch., 2 69), 10 47. *Philadelphia*, Philadelphia, Tabernacle, Sab-sch., 25. *Phila.*, *North*—Chestnut Hill, Sab-sch., 10. 219 37
 PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Latrobe, 25; Poke Run, 55. *Pittsburgh*—Bethel, 45; East Liberty, 16; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 12 cts. *Redstone*—Rehoboth, 19 97. *Washington*—Cameron, 2; Unity, 6; Washington, 1st, (Children's Association, June Rose Bud-), 48; Wheeling, 3d, 10. *West Virginia*—Centreville, 2; French Creek, 17; Lebanon, 1 50; Warkersville, 1 85. 249 44
 TEXAS.—*Austin*—Brownwood, 3 35; Coleman City, 1 60; Muskewater, 3. 7 95
 TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Spring Hills, 2 75; Wyandotte, 2 50. *Maumee*—Defiance (Sab-sch., 1 27), 12 77; Gilead, 4; Weston, 3. 25 02

WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Niagara*—Lewiston, 25; Porter, 1st, Sab-sch., 9 13. *Rochester*—Brighton, Ladies' Soc'y 25; Brockport, Ladies' Soc'y, 20; Dansville (add'l), 19 55; Ogdens, Ladies' Soc'y, 25; Rochester, 3d, Ladies' Soc'y, 20; Rochester, Brick, (Sch-sch., 150), 300, 443 68
 WISCONSIN.—*Winnebago*—Beaver Dam Assembly, 10. *Wisconsin River*—Mineral Point, 7. 17 00

Total received from the churches...\$3,908 53

LEGACIES.

Legacy of Rev. A. D. White, dec'd, late of Trenton, N. J., \$100; Legacy of Mrs. Julia Maxwell, dec'd, late of Leetonia, Ohio, \$50. \$150 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Anonymous," 95 cts; John W. Scott, Esq., Phila., Pa., \$30; Mrs. C. Thomas, Chestertown, Pa., \$1; Mrs. Davis, Chestertown, Pa., \$1; "A Friend," \$500; Wm. Hays, Esq., Bement, Ill., \$37 50; Rev. Geo. Morris, Baltimore, Md., \$500; Miss Mary Vance, Glendale, Ohio, \$10; "J. G." Franklin, Co., Pa., \$100; Trustees of Presbyterian House, Interest on Benjamin Fund, \$638 40; Interest on Permanent Fund \$298 85. \$2,117 70

Total in September, 1878.....\$6,176 23

CLOTHING.

1 Box from the Woman's Home Missionary Soc'y of Pittsburgh, 1st ch. \$125 00
 1 Box from the Ladies of Indianapolis, 1st ch..... \$106 00
 1 Box from the Ladies of Troy, Ohio.... \$ 61 91
 " " " East Liverpool ch., Ohio..... \$ 77 00
 1 Box from the Ladies of Franklin ch., Pa. \$167 30
 1 Box from the Ladies of Harlansburg ch., Pa..... \$110 00

Total value..... \$647 21

RECEIPTS FOR SUSTENTATION.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*St. Lawrence*—Potsdam, 6 25..... 6 25
 CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Cleveland, 1st, 24 26; Rev. A. Y. Tuttle, 1. *Mahoning*—Brookfield, 4; Vienna, 3. *Steubenville*—Two Ridges, 5..... 37 26
 COLUMBUS.—*Columbus*—Grove City, 7 32; Reynoldsburg, 3. *Zanesville*—Jersey, 4 55; Mt. Zion, 4; Pataskala, 1..... 19 87
 ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Glenfield, 35. *Butler*—Centre, 1 34..... 36 34
 GENEVA.—*Chemung*—Elmira, 1st, 4 59..... 4 59
 HARRISBURGH.—*Huntingdon*—Kyler-town, 1..... 1 00
 ILLINOIS, CENT.—*Schuyler*—New Salem, 1 82..... 1 82
 ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Chicago, 4th, 31 87..... 31 87
 ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Plainview, 3. 3 00
 LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—Throop Ave., 23 08..... 23 08
 MISSOURI.—*Platte*—Dawn, 2..... 2 00
 NEW JERSEY.—*Jersey City*—Tenafly, 1 78. *Morris and Orange*—Madison, 4 17. *Newark*—Roseville, 46 50. *New Brunswick*—Stockton, 2. *Newton*—Yellow Frame, 1 43..... 55 88
 NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Goodwill, 3; Middletown, 2d, 3 46; Scotchtown, 1. *North River*—Rondout, 6 12..... 13 58
 PACIFIC.—*Sacramento*—Stockton ch., 10..... 10 00

PHILADELPHIA.—*Lackawanna*—Franklin, 49 cts. *Lehigh*—Summit Hill (Sab-sch., 67 cts.), 2 60. *Phladelphus North*—Neshaminy, Warminster, 8..... 11 09
 PITTSBURGH.—*Pittsburgh*—East Liberty, 16; Mt. Olive, 4 50; Pittsburgh, 1st, 6; Shady Side, 36 cts. *Redstone*—McKeesport, 16. *Washington*—Washington, 1st, (Children's Association) "June Rosebuds," 12..... 54 86
 TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Spring Hills, 69 cts..... 69
 WISCONSIN.—*Lake Superior*—Ishpeming, 7..... 7 00

Total in September.....\$320 18

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST
THAT HE WOULD SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Luke x. 2.

“TOO MANY MINISTERS.”

A good deal has been said and published of late about the great surpluse of Presbyterian ministers. In the last article we have seen commenting at length upon the sad fact, the number of unemployed was put at one thousand. Such an astounding overstocking of the sacred profession (if true) is enough to deter all further enlistment and to arrest any more offering of the prayer which stands at the head of our page. Indeed we have been publicly warned not to press the injunction of our Lord in certain places, lest we be laughed at. It is time that we again look at the facts, and cease talking wild.

According to the Minutes of the Assembly for 1878, there are, out of 4,801 ministers, 385 reported without charge, and 236 marked as evangelists; that is, ministers who are employed in preaching, as they are called upon to supply pulpits temporarily vacant, or to assist their brethren in special exigencies—thus performing important work. Among the latter there may be some who would desire a permanent settlement. A large number would not.

Now, in forming a fair estimate of this number of unemployed, it must be remembered that the Presbyterian church holds to the indelibility of holy orders, and does not allow a voluntary demission of the ministry. It retains on its lists year after year, and continues to count in its basis of representation, and to endow with all ministerial rights and privileges in its presbyteries, all whom it has once ordained, whether or not they come to feel or prove themselves disqualified for their office, unless they commit some offence which calls for deposition. Among our unemployed must therefore be counted all those who for thirty or forty years past have shown themselves mistaken in their vocation, and have gone into secular business as bankers, or clerks, or insurance agents, or daguerreotypists, or farmers, or book-peddlers, or what not. Then there are those who, while not permanent invalids are taking an interval for mental and physical re-

cruiting, and those too who, though far enough advanced in life, "honorably retired," are still of an age that unfortunately bars from resettlement. There are those, also, who being disengaged, are long in finding just the right place, and to these, must be added, not a few able and excellent men whom the churches do not seem able to discover, and who have no disposition to force their way into vacancies.

Now, when we consider that out of 4,901 ministers there are only 385 of all these classes, it must appear to any thinking mind that all this hue-and-cry of a surplusage is, to use a very expressive but not dignified word, *bosh*. Persons are mistaking a drift of snow lying in front of their door for an immense fall, covering all the plain to the same depth, when in fact there are leagues of bare ground beyond. To prove this we will look per contra at the condition and needs of our churches.

Out of 5,209 churches enrolled, 951 are reported vacant, having neither pastor nor stated supply. Of these 432 number less than 25 members each—too small in most cases to support a minister—yet many of which, under proper care, might, no doubt, be built up into strength. Some of these are destined to a speedy dissolution. Leaving these out of the account, there remain 525 churches numbering over 25 members each. Of these 233 report a membership between 25 and 50; 175 report from 50 to 100, churches these which must be worthy of some consideration; 90 report from 100 to 200, too large to be neglected; 22 from 200 to 300; and 10 from 300 to 500! Such is the showing of the churches on the minutes. Over against 385 ministers without charge and 236 irregularly employed—in all 621; there are 951 vacant churches which ought to be cared for, or they ought not to exist—that is, matching ministers to churches, there would still be an excess of 331 churches. Such is the balance in the aggregate. It shows plainly three things, (1.) that we are far from having ministers enough, even for the fields occupied, (2.) that we are not properly systematic and efficient in employing the clerical force we have on hand, (3.) that there is needed on the part of ministers a deeper spirit of devotion prompting them to seek out and supply destitute fields, and (4.) that there is needed on the part of the churches more zeal and self-denial in the support of the ministry. Perhaps we may add another, that we are multiplying churches at an undue rate—faster than we can take care of them.

Then when we consider the fields yet to be occupied in our states and territories so rapidly filling with population, and also the fields abroad—when we see the work yet to be done among our Freedmen and among our immigrant peoples, is it possible that the church can think of suspending the work of consecrating and educating her sons for the sacred office? Too many ministers! Is there not something manifestly absurd in the statement when we look abroad on our country and the world at large and behold them as they are? Not enough of the right sort we may say with

some truth. But is it the proper remedy for a defective ministry to drop all effort for raising more? Is it not rather to improve our means for securing better? If what we are doing prove unsatisfactory in the issue true policy requires, not that we suspend action in a cause so important, but that we rectify it—correcting mistakes, supplying defects, and tightening up laxities. What the ministry needs is more earnestness, more consecration, more self-denial. And for this our church, out of which the ministry springs, should possess also more of the same qualities. Like people like priest is no less true than “like priest like people.” If the church desires a better ministry she must pray for it and labor for it, and it will be surely punished by an inefficient ministry if it does not take suitable pains to produce one of the right sort.

What the right sort is can best be exhibited in this letter, which we clip from the “*Cincinnati Herald and Presbyterian*” inserted in an article from the pen of Dr. Morris. It was written to him by a widow of one of our Home Missionaries, and contains a most touching appeal to some of our unoccupied brethren. May it reach the right heart.

PETERSBURG, Ind., Sept. 4, '78.

“Some ladies called on me to-day, and suggested that I write you the condition of our smitten church, and ask if you will try to send us a pastor. I should regret much to see my dear husband’s work languishing for want of one to come and *reap* the harvest. He felt that we were upon the eve of a glorious revival. If we are without a minister long, the congregation will become scattered. We are a feeble church in numbers, yet have some noble, earnest Christian workers, more especially among the female members. We have two elders, and some forty members. The male members are rather slow to move in church work; and for this reason the ladies take the lead in seeking a pastor, to break unto us the bread of life.

“The church had promised my husband \$400 for three fourths of his time. The minister who takes this field must do it from love for his Master’s cause. He will find a large field for usefulness. He will have to take some other church in connection with this. My husband supplied churches from twelve to twenty miles distant, all the time of his ministry here.”

Surely such churches as these ought not to be suffered to languish and die. The salary is small, the labor large and diffuse, the privations many. Yet is there not moral heroism enough in the heart of some brother to lead him to enter into this vacant place, and to fill it, as did he to whom I have already referred? And can any Presbytery, within whose bounds such a church exists, fail to realize both the responsibility and the privilege which such a connection carries with it? Oh for more of this missionary spirit in the hearts of our ministers, and especially of the young men who are just en-

tering on the holy office! Oh for more of that practical evangelistic temper and activity in our Presbyteries, which are suggested by their very organization as such, and which are essential to the full blossoming and maturing of our individual churches!

He adds as follows: "The sister to whom I have ventured to refer, after speaking with great delicacy of her financial condition, adds: 'My oldest son hopes to enter Wabash College this fall. He is very anxious for an education, and the professors encourage him to hope that he may succeed, with some assistance. I have not the means to educate him; but he says that he will 'work' his way through.' Is there not some kind friend who will assist the faithful and generous instructors in that truly Christian college, in aiding this young man to 'work his way through?' His father gave his life to the church, and left his household in narrow circumstances. Will not some good Christian man or woman, to whom the Lord has given ability, *pay back the debt*, and be thrice blessed in the end?"

RECEIPTS FOR EDUCATION IN SEPTEMBER, 1878.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Corinth, 2 68; Jefferson, 2 10; New Scotland, 13; Princetown, 7 30; Rockwell Falls, 8 17. 33 25	14 28. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Stockton, 2. <i>Newton</i> —Musconetcong Valley, 9; Yellow Frame, 2d, 1 61. 70 75
BALTIMORE.— <i>New Castle</i> —Milford, 5. <i>Washington City</i> —Washington, 6th, Miss'y Soc'y., 30. 35 00	NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Goodwillie, 3 37; Middletown, 2d, 3 89; Scotchtown, 2d, 1 13. <i>North River</i> —Rondout, 6 87. <i>Westchester</i> —Katonah, 7 36. 22 62
CENT. NEW YORK.— <i>St. Lawrence</i> —Heuvelton, 4; Potsdam, 4 85. <i>Utica</i> —Rome, 11 42. 20 27	PACIFIC.— <i>Sacramento</i> —Stockton, 10. 10 00
CINCINNATI.— <i>Dayton</i> —Franklin, 6 50; Oxford, 13 15. <i>Portsmouth</i> —Russellville, 4. 23 65	PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —Forks of Brandywine, 12. <i>Lackawanna</i> —Franklin, 55 cts., <i>Lehigh</i> —Bangor, 4; Summit Hill, 2 17, Sab-sch. 75 cts., 2 92. <i>Philadelphia</i> —Philadelphia, Southwark, 1st, 10. <i>Phila. Central</i> —Philadelphia Central, 16 57. <i>Phila. North</i> —Chestnut Hill, Sab-sch., 30; Falls of Schuylkill, 18. 94 04
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Cleveland, 1st, 27 26; Cleveland, South, 20. <i>Steubenville</i> —Corinth, 8; Richmond, 10 35; Uhrichsville, 5. 70 61	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Pittsburgh</i> —East Liberty, 8; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 35 cts., <i>Redstone</i> —Meekesport, 1st, 25; Rehoboth, 15 66. <i>West Virginia</i> —Morgantown, 15 37. 64 38
COLUMBUS.— <i>Zanesville</i> —Jersey, 5 46. 5 46	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Galion, 8; Spring Hills, 77 cts. <i>Hudson</i> —Clyde, 2; Green Springs 1. 11 77
ERIE.— <i>Butler</i> —Centre, 1 52. <i>Erie</i> —Cambridge, 10; Erie, Chestnut Street, 6; North East, 11. <i>Kittanning</i> —Atwood, 1. <i>Shenango</i> —Hermon, 10; Neshannock, 16 37. 55 89	WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Buffalo</i> —Silver Creek, 10. <i>Genesee</i> —North Bergen, 6. <i>Niagara</i> —Lockport, 1st, 30. 46 00
GENEVA.— <i>Chemung</i> —Elmira, 1st, 5 16. <i>Geneva</i> —Canoga, 4; Gorham, 11. <i>Lyons</i> —Lyons, 8 67. <i>Steuben</i> —Howard, 6. 34 83	WISCONSIN.— <i>Milwaukee</i> —Beloit, 1st, 16 93; Milwaukee, Immanuel, 45 63. <i>Winnipeg</i> —Beaver Dam Assembly, 4. 66 56
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Huntingdon</i> —Kylertown, 1 65. 1 65	Total Receipts from Churches..... \$800 99
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.— <i>Bloomington</i> —Hoopeston, 2 65. <i>Schuyler</i> —Carthage, 4. 6 65	LEGACIES.
ILLINOIS, NORTH.— <i>Chicago</i> —Homewood, 5 37. <i>Ottawa</i> —Paw Paw Grove, 9; Wyoming, 3. <i>Rock River</i> —Fulton, 1. 18 37	Bequest of Elizabeth H. Van Gelder, late of Camden, N. J. \$2,000, less 3 per cent 1940 00
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Sugar Creek, 2; Trenton, 2. 4 00	REFUNDED.
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Muncie</i> —Marion, 2; Wabash, 1 72. 3 72	H. S. B..... 10 00
INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>White Water</i> —Versailles, 1. IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Des Moines</i> —Indianola, 3 85. <i>Iowa</i> —Troy, 1. 4 85	MISCELLANEOUS.
KANSAS.— <i>Topeka</i> —Leavenworth, 1st, 15. 15 00	Robt. Randolph, San Diego, Cal., \$2. "J. G." Franklin, Co., Pa., \$100..... 102 00
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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICES OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. George L. Deffenbaugh has set out on his journey to the Nez Perce Mission, to which he has been appointed. Mr. Deffenbaugh is a graduate of Alleghany Seminary, and a member of the Presbytery of Redstone. The Rev. J. Wilson sailed on his return to the Laos Mission, on the 1st of October. He was accompanied by Miss Edna S. Cole and Miss Mary M. Campbell, for the same mission, and Miss Belle Caldwell for the mission in Siam. On the 19th of Sept. Joseph Cochran, M.D., and his wife sailed for the Persia Mission. Mr. Wilson leaves his wife and children in this country, Mrs. Wilson's health not being sufficiently restored to permit her to return at present. Miss Cole is a member of the Second church, St. Louis, Mo., Miss Campbell of the church of Lexington, Indiana, of which her father is the minister; Miss Caldwell, of the First church, Wheeling, W. Va. Dr. Cochran is a son of the lamented missionary in Persia. Miss Jackson, of Beirut, has returned to this country on a visit. The Rev. John S. Roberts, from Shanghai, and his family, have returned to this country on account of Mr. Roberts' serious illness. The arrival of Rev. A. Broadhead, D.D., and Miss Jennie Nelson, of the Mission in India, is daily expected for the same reason; and we greatly regret to add that none of these missionaries, excepting Miss Jackson, can probably return to their several fields of labor. The arrival out is reported of Mr. Donnell and wife, at Monrovia, and of Mr. E. McLean and wife, at Valparaiso, Chili.

ADDED TO THE CHURCH —One among the Tuscaroras, an aged woman; two among the Creeks, and two elders ordained; four among the Seminoles; one at Petchaburi; two at Allahabad; two at Saharunpur, both Mohammedans, a man and a woman, and both persons fitted to exert a useful influence if grace be given; one at Rawal Pindi; one at Ratnagiri, and seven at Panalla, referred to in another paragraph; three Mohammedans and one Armenian, in connection with the station of Tabriz, since the year begun; three at Bahia, and three at San Louis Potosi.

RELIGIOUS INTEREST AMONG THE CHIPPEWAS.—Mr. Baird reports much earnest inquiry among the Indians of Odanah. Meetings for prayer have been largely attended. Hopeful conversions and many inquirers encourage the missionaries greatly in their labors.

CHURCH ORGANIZED.—Mr. Graham reports the organization of a church at Panalla, a station of the Kolapore Mission; thirteen members were received, of whom six were baptized, and another had been baptized in July. Twelve children were baptized.

PROGRESS IN SIAM.—The young king of Siam still favors progress among his people. He has requested the Rev. S. G. McFarland, D. D., "to take

charge of a government school in Bangkok, with a view ultimately, if this succeeded, of establishing a system of popular education for the people." Dr. McFarland has concluded to accept this offer, regarding it as an important and vital work. It is, indeed, of great moment that such a movement shall be placed under the charge of a Christian superintendent.

PERSECUTION AT CHIENGMAL.—The October number of the *Foreign Missionary* contains interesting particulars of trouble to some of the native converts on account of their new religious belief. The second king appears to be the instigator of this difficulty. No later news has been received. The missionaries had taken measures to have the subject properly represented to the king of Siam, to whom the Laos kings are tributary. Those who remember the persecution even unto death of several converts at Chiengmai in former years, will offer earnest prayer for the deliverance of the native brethren who are now in danger.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO OCTOBER 14TH.—From the Seneca Mission, October 10th; Chippewa, October 7th; Omaha, September 30th; Creek, September 11th; Seminole, September 23d; Nez Perce, September 10th; Sacramento, September 24th; Shanghai, September 3d; Petchaburi, July 18th; Allahabad, August 20th; Saharunpur, August 20th; Dehra, August 13th; Ambala, September 3d; Lodia, September 2d; Lahor, September 1st; Rawal Pindi, August 23d; Kolapoor, August 28th; Ratnagiri, August 5th; Oroomiah, August 29th; Tabriz, September 2d; Beirut, August 23d; Monrovia, August 23d; Rio de Janeiro, September 5th; Sao Paulo, September 5th; Bahia, September 5th; Valparaiso, September 7th; Talca, August 26th; San Louis Potosi, September 2d; Monterey, September 23d.

Receipts; May—August.

	From Churches.	Individual Donors.	Legacies.	Total.
1878.	\$43,645,	\$8,597,	\$9,213,	\$61,456.
1877.	45,236,	5,394,	12,308,	62,938.

THE SENECA INDIANS IN 1826 AND 1878.

We insert elsewhere from a newspaper an address of the Rev. William Hall, recently delivered at a public meeting of Seneca Indians, in Western New York. Mr. Hall has long been a faithful and much respected missionary among these Indians, and his statements are of very marked interest. First Christianize, then civilize the Indians, is here shown to be the best policy. But for a serious difficulty in the title to their land, not insuperable we hope, these Seneca Indians might now well be citizens of the State of New York; holding their land "in common" stands in the way. This common tenure is perpetuated in one of the reservations, partly, we learn, by the difficulty just referred to, the claim of a land company, to be pressed whenever practicable. It ought in some good way to be set aside. The industry of these Indians has made the land valuable, and they ought not to lose the fruits of their labor.

The State of New York has set a noble example to the general government in the great matter of common school education, giving to the Seneca

and other Indians within its borders all the usual advantages of the public school. So ought the United States Government to provide for the Indians, at the earliest practicable time, good common schools in the Territories, and also in the newer states, where the government owns a large part of the land.

The last part of Mr. Hall's remarks is one in which the Board fully sympathizes. Indeed ever since this mission came under its care this point has been steadily kept in view, as it had been by the missionaries in previous years. But a natural mistake was made far back in the history of this good work, and perhaps also in other missions—a mistake not in the principle but in its method or application. The admirable missionary, Rev. Asher Wright, for many years a laborer among the Senecas, tersely stated the mistake not long before his death, when he said, "When we first came among these Indians, we thought we could not do too much for them." This was true and noble, but it required careful use in actual life, even as in the family training of our children.

MISSION FIELDS—IV.

(Continued from page 248.)

7. The missions to Roman Catholics form a marked feature of the work entrusted to the Board. These are in two great fields, Europe and the Southern part of our continent. 1st. The assistance afforded by gifts in aid of the evangelizing work of our Protestant brethren in the Roman Catholic countries of Europe. Most of these brethren are of the same faith and order with ourselves, but are comparatively few in number; and they are mostly of very limited pecuniary means. Their missionary work in Belgium, France, and Italy is greatly important. As compared with missions among the heathen, it is a work needing financial aid, and not needing foreign laborers. No better "native laborers" can be found in the Church of any country than are employed in the countries above mentioned—men of superior talents, education, and social culture, and in Italy men of a Church never in bondage to Rome—the Waldenses. We cannot but regard it as a great mistake to send *American* missionaries to these countries. But we ought to aid the brethren already in the field with our liberal gifts and our fervent prayers. They are doing our common work for our Lord. And they are doing this work in the midst of their mostly non-sympathizing countrymen, and in the face of all the power of the organization that has its seat of influence in the Vatican, and hardly less in the palace of "the black Pope," the general of the order of the Jesuits.

The agency of the Board for these missions was commenced in 1845, after full and well informed consideration of all the circumstances of the case. It has been nobly supported by the gifts of a few of our friends, but unhappily not by adequate means from our Church at large. Yet in the course of these years the sum of over \$154,000 has been given to this important work; and all this has been done at an inconsiderable expense—merely the postages on letters containing the funds that have been forwarded from year to year. We cannot here dwell on the remarkable—indeed the wonderful changes in favor of gospel laborers that have taken place of late years in these countries; it is something noteworthy to see the cautious, timid, often secret efforts of 1845, as compared with the

theological school of the Waldensian Synod in Florence of recent years, and its open missionary labors in Rome itself and in many parts of Italy. So of France, after great judgments on the nation, the gospel is now widely and publicly disseminated. And the signs of the times are more and more adverse to the former system of religious despotism and ritualistic observance. We could earnestly wish that our churches would enable the Board to send far larger aid to the evangelizing work of our brethren in these European Romanist countries.

2d. In Brazil, Chili, Columbia, and Mexico, we find the same great system of error, but as yet the people are mostly dependent on foreign missionaries for gospel instruction; comparatively few of the native citizens have become acquainted with the Word of God. Most of the people are still in deep darkness as to the true religion. The mission in Brazil was commenced in 1859, under the lead of one of the most gifted, devoted, and successful young ministers of our Church, the late Ashbel G. Simonton and his lovely and sainted wife. The mission in the United States of Colombia was commenced in 1856. The work in Chili was commenced under another Missionary Society, as mentioned in a former paper, and was transferred to the Board at the time when the mission in Mexico was begun, 1872. These are all missions of much importance. Each has its own features of interest. The mission in Brazil, the foremost country in South America, has met with great encouragement. The work in Chili occupies a distinctive position on the Pacific coast of South America, and its influence is of marked promise. In Colombia, many discouragements have occurred, but yet the door is open, and our missionaries in Bogota are the only Protestant laborers in that country. In Mexico, our brethren have met with unusual success. With all these countries our relations of commerce and intercourse are becoming increasingly intimate. In all of them men of intelligence recognize the need of Christian toleration, of education, of liberal improvement in many things; and some of them feel the need of a purer religion, and of faith in God rather than in the forms of a blind ritualism. Well may we rejoice that some of them have already been made free with the liberty wherewith Christ makes his people free. Unhappily we must add that in all these countries our missionary work is embarrassed for want of larger pecuniary means for its support and extension. May we not hope that this want will soon be supplied?

AFFECTING PLEA FOR NEW MISSIONARIES.

We take the liberty of inserting here an extract from a somewhat private letter, lately received, which was written by one of our most valued missionaries in an Asiatic mission. We omit paragraphs still more touching, but personal as to his beloved family. What he writes of his health is unhappily confirmed by the letters of other brethren, and yet we must pray and hope for his recovery. We think our readers will regard this as a touching appeal for reinforcement to an important mission.

“In your last letter you encouraged us with the hope that you might be able to send out to us this fall another missionary with his wife, from which I have hoped you may have some one definitely in view, and see some way, even in these heavy embarrassments, by which you may be able to send them. In my reply, I did not, I think, give expression to the anxiety I feel that you may succeed in doing this. Since the rains

set in my health has been worse rather than better. I have reason, I fear, to entertain but little hope of a permanent recovery. Anxiety connected with work, and the terrible famine, the death of our little one, and the protracted illness and death of — — —, account in some measure, I suppose for the sapping of the foundations. Using my voice when perhaps I should have been resting it, localized the trouble, and from the throat and bronchial tubes the injury has, I fear, extended to the lungs.

“I write this that you may understand that the necessity for another man at once (and he ought *by all means* to be married) is absolute. It is my wish to remain here, if so be the Lord’s will, to the end, and if we could have a new man this fall he might by that time begin to be of some service, and his wife to give that oversight to the Girls’ school that it needs. . . .”

SENECA INDIANS—THEN AND NOW.

The Rev. William Hall, now stationed on the Alleghany Reserve of the Senecas, recently made the following address at an Indian Convention.

MR. CHAIRMAN:— . . . I have been somewhat familiar with your condition as a people since 1826. That is the date at which endeavors to impart a Christian civilization to you began to present visible fruits. At that period the population of your several reservations was approximately as follows, viz.: Alleghany, 600; Buffalo, 690; Cattaraugus, 395; Tonawanda, 370. The most of your people then lived in wigwams constructed of bark, or poles, with earth floors—with no chimney, except a large hole in the top for the escape of smoke from fire on the floor in the centre of the room. Around this fireplace, on each side of the room, were rude benches covered with the skins of animals, answering the triple purpose of beds, chairs, and tables. The people were destitute of table furniture, and had no cooking utensils except a kettle, and vessels made of bark. An axe, a hoe, and a hatchet, were their complete outfit for farming. The hoe weighed from six to ten pounds, and answered the double purpose, in the hands of women only, of plow and hoe. Then it was called “The squaw hoe.” All domestic animals were rare, except such as could survive without care. Our very worthy Friends had a boarding-school at Alleghany. There was one at Cattaraugus, and another at Buffalo, sustained by Congregationalists and Presbyterians; and the Baptists, at an early day, established one at Tonawanda. These schools were for the Christian training of a limited number of children. As late as 1834, when I commenced my life’s work as a missionary to the New York Indians, (a thankless task) the wigwams had in most cases been exchanged for the hut, but this advanced generation could find little comfort in the single little room. At that date many of the people possessed neat cattle and swine, as well as ponies and dogs, but as a rule pigs and puppies were far more numerous, and the majority of single room huts, answered the purposes of parlor, sitting-room, dining-room, kitchen, bed-room, and nursery, for the people, and kennel and pig-pen for the puppies and pigs.

From such a beginning—one of greater degradation than you are able now to comprehend, you have ascended by slow but sure progress, through the power of truth, persistently brought to bear upon you, by Christian men and women—not infidels, not unbelievers—but by those who had faith in the power of the gospel to elevate the degraded. I say, by this power, you have been brought up to what you are—a people better pre-

pared as a rule, to take your places as citizens of the United States than those who come from some of the civilized countries on the other side of the great waters. And you are greatly increased in numbers as well as intelligence. To your population you have added about $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent., all by natural increase, within half a century. Then again instead of the axe, the hoe, and the hatchet being your only implements of husbandry, you have not only the plow, the drag, and the cultivator, but the mower, the reaper, the thresher, the sewing machine, and other labor-saving machines. And you have oxen, cows, and horses, mules, sheep, and hogs. Wagons, buggies, and sleighs are common among you. Even pleasure carriages, drawn by fat, fleet and blooded horses, beautifully caparisoned with silver tipped harness, are sometimes met with. "The dirty blanket and slouched hat formerly worn by the women, have been displaced by the fashionable costumes of civilized life." And now you are able to read those two great educators, the Bible and the newspaper. These have rendered you sufficiently intelligent to take care of your personal interests in the presence of scheming and dishonest men. By these you have been so educated as to be prepared to use the privileges of citizenship honorably to the State and profitably to yourselves. All this and more has been accomplished within the brief period of fifty years. And yet in our work, we are everywhere met by the objection, "The Indians can never be civilized"—as though it has not already been accomplished!

But to the Christian, the most interesting facts relate to your religious progress. Fifty years ago the mass of your people were benighted pagans—ignorant worshippers of false gods—"the unknown God." That class has been blotted out. If there are any real pagans to-day, they are very scarce and not ignorant of the gospel. Your masses have been so permeated by "the truth as it is in Jesus," as to eradicate paganism. True, there is a large party called the pagan party. But in fact, your people now, like their white neighbors, are divided simply into believers and unbelievers, Christians and sinners. You are all Christians, in the sense in which all white people are Christians. So far as there is any religion among you, Christianity is that religion. Probably there are not a dozen persons among you, who have any religious veneration for heathen worship. What though they have their dances, and even burn their dogs—Do not the white people have their dances also, and their festivals too? In the doings of the one there is as much religion as in the other. It is amusement with both, not religion now. Besides this, in the judgment of charity, not less than two hundred souls have already, through the power of the gospel been made "partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light," and are to-day singing to Jesus, "Thou art worthy, for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us unto God by thy blood." And about three hundred more, yet in the flesh, through faith in our God, Jesus Christ, are waiting—waiting in the enjoyment of everlasting life, for their translation also. Christ says, "He that believeth in me hath"—not shall have, but "hath everlasting life." Hence in the judgment of charity these waiting ones will conquer the world, the flesh, and the devil, and soon be admitted into the presence of the King, and behold Him in His beauty.

In your endeavors to rise to honor and virtue as a nation, you always had these three enemies to contend with. And since your territory became the home of the indispensable railroad with its employees, and of that detestable, unmitigated curse, the dram-seller, iniquity has crowded upon you as a flood, disputing not only every inch of progress, but contending

also for every inch gained. Drunkenness and licentiousness, licentiousness more than drunkenness, now threaten the ruin of a people almost escaped during thirty years of progress in Christian civilization, from danger from these foes of God and man. But our trust is in the living God, Still "Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart." In itself considered, it is discouraging to remember that your gain in population, intelligence, and Christianity was more rapid between the years of 1830 and 1854, than at any time since. At about the close of that period vices introduced by the progress of internal improvement among your white brethren began to make sad havoc of the morals of your young men and maidens—especially your maidens. Licentiousness and drunkenness began to become the rule. They had been the exceptions. Of course these vices checked your progress in such things as are excellent. And in process of time they unavoidably reversed the scale, placing you in the descending balance. But this day presents an encouraging feature. The whole nation, as represented by the chairman of this national convention, has confessed your decline, and requested me to open these exercises with prayer to Him who alone is able to save, to come and help you. You thus acknowledge your sins, and you thus acknowledge that the Christian's God is your God—your national God. Your cry is, "Wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

In conclusion permit me to say, heretofore you have been treated as helpless children by the State, and by benevolent societies. Little has been left for you to do but to eat, to drink, and to sleep. Thus your independence, so natural to the Indian, has been educated out of you. Your great need now is, not patronage, but self-reliance. Your next advance must be in this direction. No other good can reach you as a race until there is progress here. You must cast off your baby clothes, and put on pants. You must be no longer children, but become men. You must as soon as possible tell the State, and benevolent institutions also, that you are capable of taking care of yourselves. You must thus inaugurate a new era in your history—an era of self-reliance, from which is sure to flow unexampled prosperity in all material good. Then your ways will please the Lord, and He will make even your enemies to be at peace with you, and you will receive the dews of saving grace.

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS IN SEPTEMBER, 1878.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Rockwell's Falls ch. 2 75;
Columbia—Durham ch. 20 00. *Troy*—Water-
ford ch. J. E. K., 16 50; Fort Edward ch. 5 00.

44 25

BALTIMORE.—*New Castle*—Port Deposit ch. 25 00

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Nineveh

ch., 53 33. *Otsego*—Cooperstown ch. 45 80. *St.*

Lawrence—Sackett's Harbor ch. 18 60. *Syracuse*

—1st Ward ch. Syracuse, 3 51. *Utica*—1st ch.

Rome, 46 62; Martinsburg ch. 7 45. 175 31

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Hillsboro ch. sab-sch,

75 00. *Cincinnati*—Cummingsville ch. Woman's

Miss. Society, for "Debt," 10 00; Moscow ch. 3 00.

Portsmouth—Manchester ch. Ladies' Mission

Society, 6 00. 94 00

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—1st ch. Cleveland, 146 68;

Orwell ch. 6 23; Grafton ch. 5 00. *Mahoning*—

1st ch. Youngstown, 62 40; Ellsworth ch. 8 92;

Hubbard ch. 5 30. *Steubenville*—New Hagers-

town ch. sab-sch, 20 00. 254 53

COLORADO.—*Colorado*—17th st. ch. sab-sch, Den-

ver, 12 50. COLUMBUS.—*Marion*—Berlin ch. 6 15.

Wooster—Savannah ch. 29 50; sab-sch, 1; Holmes-

ville ch. for "Debt," 9 60. *Zanesville*—Jersey ch.,
30; for Debt, 14 50; Muskingum ch. 36; sab-sch,
18; Frazburg ch. 6; Rev. J. Finney, 15; Dun-
can's Falls ch. for Debt, 10 00. 175 75

ERIE.—*Butler*—Centre ch. 8 14. *Kittanning*—

Saltsburg ch. 74 54; Boiling Spring ch. 5 00;

Atwood ch. 1 00. 88 68

GENEVA.—*Chemung*—1st ch. Elmira, 27 75; Dun-

dee ch. 10 00; Rock Stream ch. 4 00. *Geneva*—

Seneca Castle ch. 16 00; Phelps ch. Carso Crane,

10 00. 67 75

HARRISBURGH.—*Carlisle*—Market Square ch.

Harrisburgh, 96 39. *Huntingdon*—Little Valley

ch. 10 00; Lewistown ch. 5 00; Kylertown ch.

2 25; Elkland and Osceola ch. 1^o 35. 123 99

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Mackinaw ch.

4 00. *Peoria*—Galesburg ch. 1 05; Ladies' Miss.

Society, to send new missionary to China, 111 50;

Oneida ch. to send new missionary to China,

22 00. 242 50

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Freeport*—Independent ch.

Polo, 11 00. *Rock River*—Princeton ch. 15 00;

Fulton ch. 2 00. 28 00

ILLINOIS SOUTH.—*Cairo*—Enfield ch, 7 60; sab-sch, 2; Flora ch, 5 00. 14 60
 INDIANA NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Union ch, for Debt, 2 16; Parkersburg ch, for Debt, 2 10. *Logansport*—1st ch, Michigan City, to send out new missionaries, 12 00; Union ch, 2 86. *Muncie-Wabash* ch, 9 25. 28 37
 INDIANA SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Bethany ch, 3 50. *New Albany*—Hanover ch, Miss Jennette Lee, 12 50. *Vincennes*—Washington ch, 30 05; Howesville ch, Rev. S. Ward and friends, extra, 7 50. *White Water*—Aurora ch, 15 00; Versailles ch, 1. 69 55
 IOWA, NORTH.—*Dubuque*—Ger. ch, Independence, 9 50; sab-sch, 3 50. *Waterloo*—Nevada ch, 6 36. 19 36
 IOWA, SOUTH.—*Council Bluffs*—Willisca ch, 4 79. *Des Moines*—Hartford ch, 1 60. *Iowa*—1st ch, Kirksville, 9 18. *Iowa*—1st ch, Kirksville, 9 18; *Iowa City*—Washington ch, 10; sab-sch, 4. 29 57
 KANSAS.—*Topeka*—Clinton ch, 1; sab-sch, 5 50; Infant sch, 1 03. 7 53
 KENTUCKY.—*Ebenezer*—Frankfort ch, 10 00. 10 00
 LONG ISLAND.—*Brooklyn*—1st ch, Brooklyn, 147 13; South 3d st ch, Williamsburg, 20 88; Mrs. C. Moore, for zenana work, 50; Throop Ave. ch, 27 62; Family Mission-box, 8 75; 1st ch, Edgewater, 10 65; Lafayette Ave. ch, 7 82. *Long Island*—Greenport ch, 37 41; Smithtown ch, 9 00. 319 26
 MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—1st ch, Unadilla, 14 00; Plainfield ch, 11 60. *Kalamazoo*—Edwardsburg ch, 21 22; Allegan ch, 5; sab-sch, 4. *Lansing*—Stockbridge ch, 6 12. *Saginaw*—Vassar sab-sch, 2 50. 63 44
 MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Union ch, St. Peter's, 9 25. *St. Paul*—Andrew ch, Minneapolis, 6 10. 15 35
 MISSOURI.—*Ozark*—Webb City ch, 2 00. *Platte*—Hopkins ch, 3 00. *St. Louis*—Bethel, Ger. ch, special, for Debt, 50 00; Salem, Ger. ch, special, 15. 70 00
 NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—Roselle ch, 22 59; Sab-sch, 15 97; 1st ch, Cranford, 5 10. *Jersey City*—Englewood ch, 38 03; Tenafly ch, 10 73. *Monmouth*—2d ch, Crauberry, 61 53; Burlington ch, 25 00; Farmingdale ch, 21 00; Manchester ch Members, special, for Debt, 20 00. *Morris and Orange*—Dover ch sab-sch Miss. Ass'n, 50 00; Madison ch, 25 21; Mine Hill ch, for Debt, 6 00; 1st ch, Morristown, 4 00. *Newark*—Wickliffe ch, 22 61. *New Brunswick*—Dutch Neck ch, 25 00; Stockton ch, 5 00. *Newton*—Blairstown ch sab-sch, 17 09; Yellow Frame ch, 8 65. *West Jersey*—Whiting ch, 2 00. 385 51
 NEW YORK.—*Boston*—Antrim ch, 20 00. *Hudson*—2d ch, Middletown, 20 95; Goodwill ch, 18 13; Scotchtown ch, 6 06; Circleville ch, 5 00. *New York*—Mt. Washington ch, 20 00; Brick ch Chapel, 5 58. *North River*—Marlborough ch, 41 00; Rondout ch, 37 00; Calvary ch, Newburg, 10 15; Pleasant Valley ch, 8 00; Malden ch, 4 50. *Westchester*—Greenburg ch sab-sch, to sup. native at Ningpo, 100 00; White Plains ch, 60 26. 356 63
 PACIFIC.—*Sacramento*—1st ch, Stockton, 10 00. *San Francisco*—St. John's ch, San Francisco, 36 35. 46 35
 PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Bryn Mawr ch sab-sch, for Syria, 12 50. *Lackawanna*—Montrose ch, 10 00; Franklin ch, 2 96. *Lehigh*—Summit Hill ch, 11 66; sab-sch, 4 03. *Philadelphia*—4th ch, Phila, 8. *Philadelphia, North*—Springfield ch sab-sch, 6. 95 15
 PITTSBURGH.—*Pittsburgh*—East Liberty ch, 27; Central ch, Pittsburgh, 11; Hopewell ch, 2 32; Shady Side ch, 31 cts. *Washington*—Upper Buffalo ch, for India, 68 85; Frankfort sab-sch, 5. *West Virginia*—Lumberport ch, 1; Sutton ch, 1. 116 58
 TOLEDO.—*Bellefontaine*—Spring Hills ch, 4 12; Wyandotte ch, 2 50. *Lima*—North Bethel ch, 5. *Maumee*—Gilead ch, 4; Weston ch, 3. 18 62
 WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—West Side ch, 15; Springfield ch, 9 04. *Genesee*—Warsaw ch,

85 50. *Genesee Valley*—Portageville ch and sab-sch, 21. *Niagara*—1st ch, Lockport, 75; Lewistown ch, 25; 1st ch sab-sch, Porter, 11 33. *Rochester*—Central ch, Rochester, 56; Livonia ch, 22; Fowlerville ch, 16 06; Sweden ch, 13. 348 93
 WISCONSIN.—*Lake Superior*—Marquette ch, 14 70; Sault Ste. Marie ch, 9 55. *Milwaukee*—1st ch, Beloit, 26 25; *Winnebago*—Beaver Dam Assembly ch, 10; Fond du Lac ch sab-sch, 1. 61 45
 Woman's For. Miss. Society, Philad, 1,037 84
 Woman's B. of For. Missions, Troy Branch, 190 42
 Amount received from churches in September \$4,636 77

LEGACIES.

Legacy of Dr. John Irvin, dec'd, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa..... \$360 00
 Interest on Wm. White fund, Phila., for China..... 266 50
 \$626 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

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Total receipts in September, 1878..... \$1,560 60
 " " from May 1, 1878..... \$6,813 87
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THE STATE OF THE MISSIONARY FUND.

The contributions to the Missionary Fund, from churches, Sabbath-schools, legacies, and individual contributors, for the first six months of the fiscal year, April 1st to Oct. 1st, 1878, have amounted to \$14,577.59. For the same part of the preceding year they were \$19,865.95. They are therefore less by \$5,288.36 than the last year's contributions for the same period. The balance against the Missionary Fund on Oct. 1, was \$9,244.93. We trust that the churches, Sabbath-schools, and other contributors to the benevolent work of the church, will remember the present great needs of this important Fund. Numerous applications for grants and for the appointment of missionaries are continually coming in, to which the Board cannot respond as it would wish, owing to the condition of its Fund.

GRAND RESULTS.

A missionary in Nebraska gives us the following very comforting and encouraging experience in the line of church organizations as the result of our missionary work.

“Recent intelligence from Hamilton Co., informs me that the Sabbath-school I re-organized is flourishing, the Superintendent fitting well into his place. I afterwards became convinced that the way was open for our church to occupy the ground there. I accordingly visited all the families with this object in view, and secured the attendance of two ministers. A church was organized with 12 members—5 uniting on profession of their faith, and 7 by letter. It was a very interesting time and the church starts with a good prospect for growth and usefulness. It used the Presbyterian Hymnal from the start.

I also aided in the organization of a Presbyterian church at H——, a point where our infant organization, now not a month old, has good prospects of rapid growth.

The church at A—— was organized before I received my first commission. All the rest (five in number) have had, more or less, their start as the result of my work in the past. Some of these churches have been blessed with revivals. A church organization will probably be effected in the fall, at Alexandria, Thayer Co., as the result of the labors of Rev. Mr. Vowtie and myself.”

C. P. D.

ONE OF THE BEST INSTRUMENTS.

A minister in Minnesota who keeps on hand, and for distribution, a supply of the Board's books and tracts, speaks his mind as follows: (Would that all our ministers were like-minded.)

“I think one of the best instruments I can use for the Lord's work is that which you have put into my hands. These books open the doors of houses which otherwise I should not enter, they furnish an excuse to go into the dwellings of all classes, and then, although no books are sold, the subject of religion is introduced so gently, and the heart is sounded so gradually, that no offence can be taken. Then the tract is naturally left, which preaches better than any one could. The tract itself would not always be received, if it had come in a more blunt manner. I believe that we ought to support and labor for our own tract and book society—and if we don't 20 years from now we will have lost—though we can never

know how much—more than we could gain in 40 years' faithful labor afterward. I think many of our ministers need converting to Presbyterianism. We, as Presbyterians, are too much disposed to support other societies to the neglect of our own. Our own should be dearest to us." J. H. C.

BENEFIT OF TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

The writer of the following letter is a faithful, laborious and successful missionary on the frontiers of Minnesota. As he has no other way of telling the public what he knows of the inestimable value of the missionary work of the Board of Publication, he is allowed to give his experience here in his own words. We ask the reader to remember that this matter of supplying uncommissioned ministers with books and tracts for gratuitous distribution is a part of the missionary work of the Board to which our churches and people are asked to contribute.

"I would like to have fifty Shorter Catechisms and another package of tracts for gratuitous distribution. The tracts previously sent have been of much service in enabling me to carry on the work here. We have been blessed with a powerful revival; our church has been strengthened and the good work has been advanced generally. An immense immigration calls for an extension of our missionary work. *The people eagerly receive and read the tracts.* Now that I am accustomed to have them, I would not like to be without them. The people here are much encouraged, and hear and receive the truth as it is in Jesus. I hope our church will do her full share in carrying the Gospel to every house and individual. *Tract distribution prepares the people for hearing the preached word.* Believers are also much edified by their perusal, as they cannot have the preaching of the Gospel regularly on the Sabbath."

This missionary did not look in vain. His request for tracts and catechisms was promptly granted—as such requests always are, so far as the condition of the Missionary Fund of the Board will permit.

IMPORTANT HELP GIVEN.

The following acknowledgment has come to us from the pastor of a German Presbyterian Church at Nauvoo, Ill., to whom the Board had sent a donation of books, catechisms, etc., for the use of a Sabbath-school under his care at that place. It is a great pleasure to the Board to make such donations to the utmost extent of the means placed in its hands by the churches for such uses. Will not many readers of the RECORD help us to carry forward this good work by sending contributions, large and small, for our Missionary Fund?

"The package of books which you sent for our English Sabbath-school has arrived. On last Sabbath, when the books were presented, as a donation to the school, the scholars were very much delighted, and a vote of thanks was tendered to you and the Board. In the name of the English Sabbath-school, under the supervision of the Nauvoo German Church, I tender to you and the kind donors our most cordial and warmest thanks for the supply of books. This enables us to carry on our Sabbath-school more successfully; and I hope with very good results. Our prayer is that the Lord will recompense you and the Board of Publication with such gifts as you need. May you feel assured that we ever shall feel thankful and remember the givers.

Let me assure the donors of the Board of Publication, that they do a most glorious work in supporting this scheme of the church. We, at least,

never would have been able to supply our Sabbath-school with any kind of books if it had not been for this scheme. Could they have seen how the Superintendent, teachers and scholars were delighted, and their sparkling eyes filled with tears of joy, they would have felt what the good Book says: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

I feel very confident that great good will be accomplished here; for Nauvoo, the former seat of Mormonism, and immediately followed by the French infidel communism, is now filled with atheism and infidelity of the grossest kind, and is a place where the missionary work ought to be well backed by the church at large. Neither Utah nor any other foreign missionary field can be any worse."

NEW BOOKS.

The Board has recently published several works which will be received with favor by our people. They are, bound volume, No. 1189:—THESE LITTLE ONES, by the Rev. Wm. Scribner, author of "Pray for your Children" and "Pray for the Holy Ghost." The book is small, the subject great, and, we may add, thoroughly treated. It tells clearly what God has commanded, touching the church-membership of the children of believers, and what He has graciously promised concerning their salvation. Few topics more need the study of the ministry and of parents. We commend to both of these classes Mr. Scribner's volume. Price, 75 cts.

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CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Cleveland, 1st, 18 50. <i>Mahoning</i> —Brookfield, 4; Vienna, 3; Youngstown, 1st, 16 02. <i>St. Clairsville</i> —Crab Apple, 8 50. <i>Steubenville</i> —Two Ridges, 5. 55 02	From churches..... \$1089 03
COLUMBUS.— <i>Marion</i> —Delaware 10. <i>Zanesville</i> —High Hill, 2 30. 12 30	LEGACY.
ERIE.— <i>Butler</i> —Centre, 1 03. <i>Clarion</i> —Ridgeway, 40. 41 03	Bequest of Eliza Hyndshaw, deceased, (Dividend) \$5.
GENEVA.— <i>Chemung</i> —Elmira, 1st, 3 50. <i>Lyons</i> —Sodus, 4. <i>Steuben</i> —Painted Post, 6. 13 50	MISCELLANEOUS.
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Big Spring, 15 83; Shippensburg, 20 11. <i>Huntington</i> —Kylertown, 1. <i>Northumberland</i> —Warrior Run, 4 83. 41 77	Trustees of the Presbyterian House, Interest on Benjamin Fund, \$338.40. Rev. F. H. Clelland, D. D., Lebanon, Ky., \$10. "R." Bridgehampton, N. Y., \$1. J. D. Baker, Altoona, Pa., \$1. Oglethorpe Chapel and Pleasant Grove Sabbath, Ga., \$1. Mrs. E. D. Addins, Cleveland, Ohio, 75 cts. 652 15
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INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Fort Wayne</i> —Lima, 5 25; Warsaw, 6. <i>Logansport</i> —Mishawaka, 50 cts.; South Bend, 1st, 8 30; West Union, 2 50. <i>Muncie</i> —Wabash, 1 17. 23 74	BOARD OF PUBLICATION.
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IOWA, NORTH.— <i>Cedar Rapids</i> —Cedar Rapids, 2d, 11 14. 11 14	Letters relating to donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Missionaries, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D. D., <i>Corresponding Secretary</i> .
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Council Bluffs</i> —Red Oak Junction, 5 73. <i>Iowa</i> —St. Peter's Evangelical, 5. <i>Iowa City</i> —Scott, 1. 11 73	Manuscripts, and communications concerning matter offered for publication, whether for books or periodicals, to the Rev. JOHN W. DULLES, D. D., <i>Editorial Secretary</i> .
KENTUCKY.— <i>Ebenezer</i> —Augusta, 11. <i>Transylvania</i> —Lancaster, 13 35. 24 35	Correspondence of Missionaries, remittances of money, and donations, to Mr. S. D. POWEL, Treas. and Superintendent of Missionary Work.
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Brooklyn</i> —Brooklyn, 1st, Henry Street, 41 29; Brooklyn, Throop Avenue, 16 07. <i>Long Island</i> —East Hampton, 21 40. Southold, 15. <i>Nassau</i> —Smithtown, 5. 98 76	Orders for Books (except from Missionaries), and Business Correspondence, to Mr. JOHN A. BLACK.
MICHIGAN.— <i>Monroe</i> —Quincy, 8 21. 8 21	Subscriptions to <i>The Presbyterian Monthly Record</i> , <i>The Sabbath-School Visitor</i> , <i>The Presbyterian at Work</i> , <i>The Westminster Lesson Leaf</i> , <i>The Sunbeam</i> , and payments for the same, to Mr. PETER WALKER.
MINNESOTA.— <i>St. Paul</i> —Oak Grove, 10 80. 10 80	
MISSOURI.— <i>St. Louis</i> —Salem, German, 3 00	
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Elizabeth, 1st, 115 77; Roselle, 1st, (Sab-sch. 2 02) 4 87. <i>Jersey City</i> —Englewood, 117 11; Jersey City, Bergen, 1st, 17 63; Tenafly, 1 35. <i>Monmouth</i> —Burlington, 37 43; Cranbury, 1st, 14 10. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —Madison, 3 19. <i>Newark</i> —Newark, Roseville, 60 77. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Stockton, 1 50; Trenton, Prospect Street, 25 57. <i>Newton</i> —Yellow Frame, 1 09. <i>West Jersey</i> —Merchantville, 7. 407 38	
NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Circleville, 5 70; Goodwill, 2 29; Middletown, 2d, 2 63; Scotchtown, 77 cts. <i>North River</i> —Rondout, 4 67. <i>Westchester</i> —Hartford, 1st, 20; Throg's Neck, 9 11; Huguenot Memorial, 2 56. 47 73	
PACIFIC.— <i>Sacramento</i> —Stockton, 10. 10 00	

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

One of the most prevalent and God-dishonoring sins of the day, over which Christians of all denominations have been made to mourn, is the desecration of the Lord's day. The attempt to break down this heaven-appointed bulwark of Christianity, and if possible to expunge the very name of Sabbath from our calendar, is one of Satan's artful devices in which infidels, and libertines of every shade and degree have united and made a common cause. The increase of this enormous evil has attracted the attention, and is calling forth the united efforts of God's people to stay this tide of iniquity! And just here comes in the potential influence of *Church Erection* in behalf of the better observance of the Sabbath. The House of God, with its spire pointing heavenward, is a standing memento of the Sabbath day and the claims of religion, while the solemn tone of the church bell is a loud call to the dormant conscience of the Sabbath-breaker. Suppose there is preaching in the place—held in some school-house or private dwelling—you cannot induce this class of people to attend upon these services. But let there be a comfortable and attractive building in some central part of the town or community, and many of this class may be drawn by the sound of that bell to the place where God is worshiped and His law proclaimed. Such has been the result in not a few cases. Here is the testimony of some of our missionaries. "When I came here two years ago, we worshipped in a small building on a back alley. Very little regard was paid to the observance of the Sabbath. On the main street many of the stores and business houses were open and crowds of people gathered about them, almost obstructing the passage. But now, since the erection of our new church on the same square, not one of these business houses is seen open on the Sabbath, and most of these store-keepers are regular attendants upon the services of the church. One drinking saloon has been closed and another just opposite the church has been removed to another part of the town;" thus has the moral influence of our church been increased by the erection of our church building, and in a more conspicuous place. Another minister writes: "Since the completion of our comfortable sanctuary a number of persons and some whole families, who were not in the habit of going to church anywhere, but spent the Sabbath in idleness or amusement, have got to attending our worship regularly, and speak with apparent pride of *our church.*" The silent, but powerful influence which this little church is already exerting in this community is very encouraging. The Campbellite church is much larger and has more wealth, but not half the influence that ours has—this may be largely attributed to the fact, that we are a Sabbath-keeping people, and without a strict regard for the Sabbath there is not much religious influence anywhere.

Another says: "For the first three years, after coming to this field, I was literally an *itinerant*, having no house of worship and no fixed home. I traveled a great deal and preached a great deal, but gathered very little fruit. I felt disappointed and resolved to travel less and preach oftener to the same people. But to do this I found it necessary to have one or two houses of worship. The school-houses in which we had occasionally met could not be had every Sabbath or every other Sabbath, and the dwelling-houses were so small that only a few could gain admission, and most of them had to stand. Thus, we were forced to build or abandon the field. It was with much trembling of heart that we commenced the work of building in which we must have utterly failed, had not your Board come to our rescue. While this concentration of my labor has greatly diminished

the size of my field, it has very much increased my usefulness. Instead of preaching to 25 or 30 people, my congregations are seldom less than 100, and sometimes 150. The religious impression upon the people is decidedly better. And since we have been able to organize a Presbyterian Sabbath-school, there is better order on the streets, as many of the boys who used to be noisy and rude are now to be found in the Sabbath-school or Bible class. Your Board is doing a good work in this direction by bringing under gospel influence a class that we could not otherwise have reached. My hands are strengthened and my heart encouraged in my work. May your Board be more liberally supported, that it may be able to help others as it has helped me." This is just what we desire to do. Reader, will you not help us to do it?

RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH ERECTION IN SEPTEMBER, 1878.

ALBANY.— <i>Albany</i> —Galway, 11 25. <i>Champlain</i> —Beekmantown, 3 50. <i>Troy</i> —Fort Edward, 5.	MISSOURI.— <i>Osage</i> —Butler, 9; Nevada, 2 25. <i>Platte</i> —Breckinridge, 6; Dawn, 1; Hamilton, 6; Hopkins, 3. <i>Potosi</i> —White Water, 1.
BALTIMORE.— <i>New Castle</i> —Lower Brandywine, 5 71; Milford, 10; Smyrna, 5.	NEBRASKA.— <i>Nebraska City</i> —Eight Mile, Ger. Mission, 2. <i>Omaha</i> —Columbus, 4.
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Otsego</i> —Cooperstown, 21 50. <i>St. Lawrence</i> —Ox Bow, 5 05. <i>Syracuse</i> —Elbridge, 5 50. <i>Utica</i> —Camden, 1st, 6.	NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Elizabethport, 1st, Ger., 4; Perth Amboy, 9 50; Roselle, 1st, 5 65; Sab-sch., 4. <i>Jersey City</i> —Hackensack, 1st, 6 25; Rutherford, 20 42. <i>Monmouth</i> —Providence, 3 11. <i>Morris and Orange</i> —Madison, 6 30; Mendham, 1st, 23 05. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Bound Brook, 11 75; Dutch Neck, 10; Stockton, 3; Trenton, Prospect St., 26 49. <i>Newton</i> —Musconetcong Valley, 8; Yellow Frame, 2 16. <i>West Jersey</i> —Salem, 1st, 27.
CINCINNATI.— <i>Chillicothe</i> —South Salem, 11. <i>Cincinnati</i> —Glendale, 22 91; Harrison, 5; Loveland, 8 15; Sharonville, 5; Springdale, 13. <i>Dayton</i> —Oxford, 9 56; South Charleston, 5. <i>Portsmouth</i> —Ironton, 7; Portsmouth, 2d, 17.	NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Goodwill, 4 53; Middletown, 2d, 5 25; Mount Hope, 5 30; Scotchtown, 1 52; Washingtonville, 2d. <i>North River</i> —Rondout, 9 25. <i>Westchester</i> —Huguenot Memorial, 4 11; Irvington, "Sp.," 6.
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Ashtabula for Mrs. H. E. Parsons, 10. <i>St. Clairsville</i> —Cambridge, 10; Crab Apple, 9 80. <i>Steubenville</i> —Annapolis, 5; Corinth, 9; Ironton, 1st, 5; Two Ridges, 5; Unionport, 3; Wellsville, 15.	PACIFIC.— <i>Sacramento</i> —Stockton, 1st, 10.
COLORADO.— <i>Colorado</i> —Denver, 17th St., from Ladies' Home Missionary Society, "Spec." for Zuni Mission, New Mexico, \$36, Sab-sch., "Spec.," 15 75.	PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Chester</i> —Avondale, 11 50. <i>Lackawanna</i> —Franklin, 74 cts.; Orwell, 2. <i>Lehigh</i> —Bangor, 5; Summit Hill, 2 90; Summit Hill, Sab-sch., 1 01; Slaton, 1st, 4. <i>Philadelphia</i> —Philadelphia, 9th, 13 43; Philadelphia, South Western, 5 80. <i>Phila. North</i> —Doylestown and Deep Run, 22 45; Huntingdon Valley, 5. <i>Westminster</i> —Chestnut Level, 12.
COLUMBUS.— <i>Columbus</i> —Bethel, 3 50; Bremen, 2; Dublin, 6; Rush Creek, West, 5 50; Worthington, 2. <i>Marion</i> —Berlin, 3 63; Delaware, 10. <i>Wooster</i> —Canal Fulton, 12. <i>Zanesville</i> —Clark, 3 30; Jefferson, 3; Jersey, 4 37.	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Blairsville</i> —Johnstown, 12; Poke Run, 17. <i>Pittsburgh</i> —East Liberty, 1st, 41. <i>West Virginia</i> —Lumberport, 1; Parkersburgh, 1st, 5.
ERIE.— <i>Butler</i> —Centre, 2 03; Portersville, 4. <i>Clarion</i> —Greenville, 5; New Rehoboth, 2 70; Oak Grove, 2; Perryville, 5.	TENNESSEE.— <i>Holston</i> —Amity, 1; Mount Bethel, 50 cts.
GENEVA.— <i>Cayuga</i> —Meridian, 5; Sennet, 3 50. <i>Chemung</i> —Elmira, 1st, (add'l), 6 94; Sugar Hill, 1 25. <i>Lyons</i> —Lyons, 11 62; Newark, 24 96. <i>Steuben</i> —Pultney, 2.	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Nevada, 3 60; Spring Hills, 1 03; Upper Sandusky, 15; Urbana, 1st, 12. <i>Huron</i> —Sandusky City, 1st, 7 20. <i>Maumee</i> —Toledo, German, 2.
HARRISBURGH.— <i>Huntington</i> —Holidaysburgh Ch., 11 98; Sab-sch., 4 94; Kylertown, 1; Logan's Valley, 6; Lower Spruce Creek, 12 24; Orbisonia, 3 24. <i>Northumberland</i> —Blossomburgh, 1st, 18 40; Warrior Run, 4 83.	W. NEW YORK.— <i>Buffalo</i> —Fredonia, 1st, 21 23. <i>Genesee</i> —Batavia, 28 10; Pike, 5. <i>Niagara</i> —Lockport, 1st, 35.
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.— <i>Peoria</i> —Farmington, 8 45; Green Valley, 5. <i>Schuyler</i> —Carthage, 6.	WISCONSIN.— <i>Chippewa</i> —Hudson, 1st, 4 13. <i>Milwaukee</i> —Beloit, 1st, 18 84. <i>Winnebago</i> —Beaver Dam Assembly, 2. <i>Wisconsin River</i> —Fancy Creek, 2; Madison, 1st, 12 31; Richland City, 1.
ILLINOIS, NORTH.— <i>Freepport</i> —Rock Run, 8. <i>Rock River</i> —Fulton, 1; Hamlet, 5.	MISCELLANEOUS.
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Atton</i> —Edwardsville, 3. <i>Cairo</i> —Friendsville, 2; Tamarora, "Sp.," 8 75. <i>Mattoon</i> —Charleston, 6.	Legacy of Rev. A. D. White, late of Trenton, N. J. \$100 00
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Logansport</i> —Bethel, 3; West Union, 2 50. <i>Muncie</i> —Wabash, 2 31.	Augusta M., and Alexina Carter, Baltimore, Md., "Special," for Pueblo and Navajo Mission, Colorado 1 00
INDIANA SOUTH.— <i>Indianapolis</i> —Franklin, 6. <i>New Albany</i> —Hanover, 7; Jeffersonville, 12 70; Madison, 2d, 11 30. <i>Vincennes</i> —Claiborne, 5. <i>White Water</i> —Versailles, 2.	C. W. Herron, Farragut, Iowa, "Spec" for Pueblo and Navajo Mission, Colorado 1 00
IOWA, NORTH.— <i>Cedar Rapids</i> —Wyoming, 1 75; <i>Waterloo</i> —Rock Creek, 1 25; Salem, 3 55; Toledo, 1 85.	Returned 100 00
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Council Bluffs</i> —Red Oak, 8 23. <i>Des Moines</i> —Leighton, 2; New Sharon, 2; Olivet, 5; Pella, 2.	Insurance Co. for loss on Minonk Ch, Ill. 54 00
KANSAS.— <i>Larned</i> —Ellinwood, 2; Sterling, 4.	Interest 1,925 24
KENTUCKY.— <i>Ebenezer</i> —Augusta, 15. <i>Transylvania</i> —Columbia, 5 50.	
LONG ISLAND.— <i>Nassau</i> —Smithtown, 4.	
MICHIGAN.— <i>Grand Rapids</i> —Ionia, 1st, 17 75.	

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BOARD OF RELIEF FOR DISABLED MINISTERS.

"The administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgiving unto God."

HOW TO DO IT.

One of our ministers writes to the office:—"Dear Bro: I enclose you a draft for the cause of Ministerial Relief from the Presbyterian church [here]. I have worked hard to get this sum—preached a sermon on the subject and tried fully to explain it. And this church (to which I have but just come) for the first time in half a century, understands the term Ministerial-Relief.

Small as the sum is, it is the largest this church ever gave. The church is not strong and feels the force of the hard times. We ought to have a rule that Presbyteries should demand of pastors and Stated Supplies whether they have explained these causes, preached on the subject, and given the people a chance to give. We should not say 'delinquent churches,' but 'delinquent pastors,' for the people would give if the matter were explained and an opportunity given."

There is, in connection with the Assembly, a Presbytery that has had such a rule as that referred to above for fifteen years, carefully enforced at every spring meeting. The happy result has been that from year to year almost every column is filled. All the Boards receive their contributions annually by the thorough application of this rule.

RECEIPTS FOR BOARD OF RELIEF IN SEPTEMBER, 1878.

ALBANY.—*Albany*—Amsterdam, 2d, 43 30; Esperance, 3 75; Greenbush, 1st, 12; New Scotland, 18. *Champlain*—Chateaugay, 7. *Troy*—Cambridge, 12 70; Fort Edward, 3; North Granville, 5; Troy, Woodside, 32 25. 137 00

BALTIMORE.—*Baltimore*—Ashland, 15; Deer Creek (Harmony), 14 49; Emmitsburgh, 25; Piney Creek, 10; Taney Town, 17 75. *New Castle*—Green Hill, 10; Odessa, Drawer's, 2; Red Clay Creek, 18 27; Head of Christiana, 12. *Washington City*—Hyattsville, 1st, 6; Lewinsville, 75 cts.; Vienna, 2 25; Washington, 1st, 18 60; Washington, 4th, 14 50. 166 61

CENT. NEW YORK.—*Binghamton*—Nichols, 5 10; Smithville Flats, 7 57; Windson, 8 50; Cavanaughville, 6. *Otsego*—Oneonta, 9 72. *St. Lawrence*—Gouverneur, 23 81; Hammond, 5; Ox Bow, 8 33; Waddington, 7. *Syracuse Presbytery*, 11 10; Elbridge, 5 50; Syracuse, Park Central, 36. *Utica*—Holland Patent, 4 60; Oneida, 31 50. 169 78

CINCINNATI.—*Chillicothe*—Greenland, 2 70; Pisgah, 10. *Cincinnati*—Cincinnati, Avondale, 32 40; Lebanon, 14 50; Pleasant Run, 6. *Dayton*—Blue Ball, 2; Dayton, 1st, 9 69; South Charleston, 12 75; Rev. Henry S. Osborn, LL. D., 10. *Portsmouth*—Jackson, 1st, 7 20; Manchester, 12; Portsmouth, 2d, 37; Red Oak, 3 38; West Union, 8. 167 62

CLEVELAND.—*Cleveland*—Akron, 4; Cleveland, 1st, 26 77. *Mahoning*—Youngstown, 1st, 38 68. *St. Clairsville*—Rock Hill, 6 03. *Steubenville*—Bethesda, 10; Bloomfield, 2; Carrollton, 6 61; Cross Creek, 3; Madison, 3; Oak Ridge, 7; Two Ridges, 5. 112 09

COLUMBUS.—*Athens*—Amesville, 5; New England, 2. *Columbus*—Columbus, Hoge, 4 79; London, 1st, 20. *Marion*—Brown, 4; Delaware, 10; Liberty, 5 50; Trenton, 5; York, 2 51; Ostranda, 10; Providence, 1 05. *Wooster*—Ashland, 25 32; Belleville, and Sab-sch., 3 40; Chipewa, 7 50; Clear Fork, 2 67; Holmesville, 2 10; Ontario, 1; Savannah, 20 22; West Salem 5. *Zanesville*—Dun-

can's Falls, 3 50; Jersey, 4 37; Martinsburgh, 7 20; High Hill, 2 21; Jefferson, 3. 157 34

ERIE.—*Allegheny*—Allegheny Valley, 6 25; Bakerstown, 5; Fairmount, 5 54; Glasgow, 6; Sewickley, 40; Sharpsburgh, 15; Providence, 8. *Butler*—Butler, 27 36; Centre, 1 48; Scrub Grass, 10; Sunbury, West, 5. *Clarion*—Clarion, 8 34; Greenvale, 3; Licking, 5 40; Millville, West, 2 35; New Rehoboth, 3; Oak Grove, 2; Perry, 7 82; Perryville, 16; Richland, 5; Sligo, 15; St. Petersburgh, 6; Troy, 2 50. *Erie*—Franklin, 40; Fredonia, 9 50; Girard, 10 55; Hadley, 3; Meadville, 1st, 16; Meadville, 2d, 25 28; Mercer, 1st, 12 50; Oil City, 1st, 50 51; Rev. R. Craighead, 50; Wattsburgh, 3 53. *Shenango*—Heron, 5; Neshannock, 13 65; West Middlesex, 6 75. 452 31

GENEVA.—*Cayuga*—Heuvelton, 5. *Chemung*—Elmira, 1st, 5 06. *Geneva*—Phelps, 14 78; Victor, 1st, 13 50. *Lyons*—Junius, 4 30; Lyons, 12 77. *Steuben*—Addison, 11; Painted Post, 11 15. 77 62

HARRISBURG.—*Carlisle*—Dickinson, 8 50; Gettysburgh, 24 50; Greencastle, 38; Harrisburgh, Market Square, 113 17, including \$25 from "Woman's Prayer-meeting." *Mechanicsburgh*, 12; St. Thomas, 1 98; Strassburg, 5 75; Rocky Spring, 5 75. *Huntingdon*—Alexandria, 33; Buffalo Run, 2 50; Hollidaysburgh, 1st, 3 28; Kyertown, 1; Lewistown, 2; Lower Spruce Creek, 12 20; Millintown, 30; Milesburgh, 7 72; Moshannon, 1 26; Snow Shoe, 1 82; Spruce Creek, 70. *Northumberland*—Bald Eagle and Nittany, 9 76; Chillisquaque, 9 75; Mahoning, 11 31; Millinburg, 5 66; Mooresburgh, 4 79; New Berlin, 3 31; Renovo, 9; Warrior Run, 4 83; Washington, 20 50. *Wellsboro*—Alleghany 1st, 1; Mansfield, 10. 464 34

ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.—*Bloomington*—Bement, 1st, 11 20; Bloomington, 1st, 8; Chenoa, 5; Hoopston, 2. *Peoria*—Canton, 5 50; Green Valley, 5 30; Knoxville, 14 67. *Schuyler*—Camp Creek, 6; Carthage, 4; Hersman, 4 50. *Springfield*—Dawson, 4 50; Farmington, 4 50; Jacksonville, Westminster, 35 15. 110 32

ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Chicago*—Will, 2. *Freeport*—Elizabeth, 2; Hanover, 4; Marengo, 12; Middle Creek, 5 70. *Ottawa*—Aurora 1st, 5 19; Oswego, 2 31; Union Grove, 5. *Rock River*—Camden, 8; Edgington, 7 50; Fulton, 1; Princeton, 15; Woodhull, 10, including 2 from Sab-sch. 79 70

ILLINOIS, SOUTH.—*Alton*—Spring Cove, 6. *Cairo*—Bridgeport, 2; Centralia, 5 40; Friendsville, 2; Galum, 2; Gilead, 1 60; Pisgah, 8; Richland, 8 04; Shawneetown, 22 75; Union, 2; Wabash, 5 86; Sumner, 3 23. *Mattoon*—Mattoon, 4 92. 73 80

INDIANA, NORTH.—*Crawfordsville*—Bethany, 7. *Fort Wayne*—Bluffton, 7; Bristol, 3 69; Elkhardt, 5; Franklin, 7 93; Lima, 4 60; Warsaw, 7. *Logansport*—Bethlehem, 3 60; Kentland, 3; La Porte, 6 56; Rochester, 2 40; Union, 5 70. *Muncie*—Wabash, 1 69. 65 17

INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Indianapolis*—Indianapolis, 11th, 2. *New Albany*—Madison, 2d, add'l, 9 73; New Albany, 1st, 53 75. *Vincennes*—Evansville, Grace, 14 18. *White Water*—Greensburg, 36 39. 116 05

IOWA, NORTH.—*Cedar Rapids*—Cedar Rapids, 2d, 44; Linn Grove, 4 68; Springville, 2 01; Garrison, 2. *Waterloo*—Cedar Valley, 1; La Porte City, 5 99; Rock Creek, 1 25; Salem, 3 55; Toledo, 1 85. 66 33

IOWA.—*Council Bluffs*—Atlantic, 5; Council Bluffs, 24 08; Red Oak, 6 11. *Des Moines*—Allerton, 1; Desmoines, 18 40; Medora, 1 35; Pella, 1; Russell, 3; St. Charles, 1 65. *Iowa*—Birmingham, 4 50; New London, 5; St. Peter's Evangelical, 5. *Iowa City*—Marengo, 1st, 9 25; Scott, 2; Washington, 3. 90 34

KANSAS.—*Austin*—Galveston, 1st, German, 3; Emporia—Larned, 4; Peabody, 5. *Larned*—Lyons, 1 84. *Nosho*—Garnett, 2; Ottawa, 3; Reeder, 1; Rev. J. C. Miller, 1. *Solomon*—Hays City, 3 50. 24 34

KENTUCKY.—*Louisville*—Bowling Green, 2d, 6 75; Louisville, Warren Street, 9 20. 15 95

LONG ISLAND.—*Long Island*—Mattituck, 8 27; Moriches, 14; Southampton, 45 14. *Nassau*—Smithtown, 3. 70 41

MICHIGAN.—*Detroit*—Holly, 5 75; Plymouth, 1st, 15 09. *Kalamazoo*—Rev. L. M. Stevens, 10. *Lansing*—Eckford, 3 14; Oneida, 1st, 5. *Munroe*—Tecumseh, 12 70. *Sawgina*—Saginaw, 6 70. 58 38

MINNESOTA.—*Mankato*—Le Sueur, 6 50. *St. Paul*—Dundas, 1 75; Forest, 2 50; Minneapolis, Andrew, 12 20; Shakopee, 6 50. 29 45

MISSOURI.—*Osage*—Butler, 1st, 11. *Ozark*—Mount Zion, 2; Nevada City, 2; from "Friends," 1. *Platte*—Carrollton, 3; Hopkins, 2 50; Savannah, 5. *St. Louis*—Salem, German, 3; Webster Grove, 20 25. 49 75

NEBRASKA.—*Kearney*—Henrietta, 3 25. *Nebraska City*—Beatrice, 1st, 9. *Omaha*—Bellevue, 5 60; Papillion, 4 40. 22 25

NEW JERSEY.—*Elizabeth*—New Providence, 10; Roselle, 1st, 7 03. *Jersey City*—Hackensack, 1st, 5; Jersey City, Westminster, 4 57; Tenafly, 1 96. *Monmouth*—Jacksonville, 4 20; Tom's River, 6 55. *Morris and Orange*—Madison, 4 60; Orange, 2d, 36 75; Orange, Bethel, 4. *New Brunswick*—Alexandria, 1st, 4 28; Amwell, 2d, 12; Stockton, 2; Titusville, 6; Trenton, 1st, 50, from Miss Mary Wynkoop; Trenton, 5th, 4 14, including 1 66 from Sab-sch; Prospect St., 35 85. *Newton*—Musconetcong Valley, 8 10; North Hardistown, 25; Yellow Frame, 1 58. *West Jersey*—Bridgeton, 1st, 1 50; Bridgeton, West, 17 20; Camden, 2d, 4; Woodbury, 41 28. 446 09

NEW YORK.—*Hudson*—Centreville, 5; Florida, 1st, 15 56; Goshen, 24 56; Goodwill, 3 31; Hamptonburgh, 20; Middletown 2d, 3 83; Mount Hope, 5; Scotchtown, 1 10. *New York*—Harlem, 1st, 14 43; New York, New York, 7 09. *North River*—Kingston, 1st, 10; Newburgh, Calvary, 7 57; Pleasant Plain, 6 84; Rondout, 6 75; Smithfield, 6 50. *Westchester*—Mt. Kisco, 10 90; Patterson,

5; South East Centre, 8 82; South Salem, 24 24; Yonkers, Westminster, 16 50; Yorktown, 13. 216 00

PACIFIC.—*Benicia*—Santa Rosa, 9 25; Vallejo, 5. *Sacramento*—Stockton, 1st, 10. 24 25

PHILADELPHIA.—*Chester*—Darby, 1st, 8 35; Great Valley, 14; Oxford, 31 40. *Lackawanna*—Franklin, 54 cts; Hawley, 3 33; Orwell, 2; Rushville, 2; Scranton, Green Ridge Avenue, 11 50; Stevansville, 3; Troy, 1st, 17 11; Wilkesbarre, Memorial, 15 48. *Lehigh*—Ashland, 2; Bangor, 1 35; Easton, 1st, 34; Mahanoy City, 1st, 8 50; Reading, 1st, 69 24; Summit Hill, 2 86, including 74 cts from Sab-sch. *Philadelphia*—Philadelphia, 4th, 10; Philadelphia, Southwark, 1st, 10; Philadelphia, Woodland, 27 93; Philadelphia, 1st African, 4. *Phila. Central*—Philadelphia, Green Hill, 10. *Phila. North*—Newtown, 39 34. *Westminster*—Cedar Grove, 3; Pequea, 21. 351 93

PITTSBURGH.—*Blairsville*—Beulah, 20 50; Black Lick, 2 43; Ebensburg, 8 64; Ligonier and Pleasant Grove, 9; Laird, 3; New Alexandria, 29 74; including 6 50 from Sab-sch.; Plum Creek, 15; Poke Run, 5; Unity, 17. *Pittsburgh*—Birmingham, 1st, 119 55; Canonsburgh, 10 21; East Liberty, 15; Forest Grove, 12; Miller's Run, 2 40; Montours, 9; Mount Olive, 4; North Branch, 2; Pittsburgh, 1st, 113; Pittsburgh, 3d, 28 82; Pittsburgh, Central, 39 40; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, 36 cts.; Racoon, 39. *Redstone*—Little Redstone, 14; Mount Pleasant, 16; Pleasant Unity, 12 22; Reunion, Mt. Pleasant, 12; Tyrone, 11 09. *Washington*—Bethlehem, 3 30; Cross Roads, 11; Forks of Wheeling, 23; Hookstown, 3 77; Lower Buffalo, 5 40; Moundsville, 5 25; West Alexander, 13. *West Virginia*—Fairmount, 2 43; Sutton, 2. 640 57

TENNESSEE.—*Kingston*—Marysville, 2d, 2; From "A Minister," special, 15. 17 00

TOLEDO.—*Bellevue*—Galion, 11; Marseilles, 1 15; Nevada, 1 50; Spring Hills, 75 cts. *Lima*—West Union, 6. *Maumee*—Antwerp, 4; Cecil, 1; Maumee, South Toledo, 17; West Bethesda, 6. 48 40

W. NEW YORK.—*Buffalo*—Alden, 7 45. *Genesee*—Corfu, 5. *Genesee Valley*—Angelica, 1st, 6 50. *Niagara*—Lockport, 1st, 45; Medina, 1st, 10; Porter, 1st, 11. *Rochester*—Brookport, 25 63; Caledonia, 19 75; Chili, 16 87; Mendon, 7; Nunda, 8; Rochester, 3d, 25 70. 187 90

WISCONSIN.—*Chippewa*—La Crosse, North, 3; Neshanoc, 5; Rev. Dan'l B. Jackson, 5. *Lake Superior*—Menomonee, 1st, 10. *Milwaukee*—Manitowoc, 1st, 5. *Winnebago*—Weyauwega, 4 25. *Wisconsin River*—Lodi, 7 25. 39 50

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Interest on Permanent Fund.....	120 00
Covington, Ky., from Mr. James Gray....	25 00
Interest on Permanent Fund.....	150 00
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Glendale, O., from Miss Mary Vance.....	5 00
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Washington, Pa., Rev. J. H. Sherrard.....	10 00
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Lansingburg, N. Y., per Rev. V. D. Reed,	
D. D., Mrs. Julia Filmore.....	5 00
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Total in September..... 5,249 58

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

FINANCIAL.—Receipts for September, \$907,70, which is less than the amount reported for the corresponding month in last year. The entire receipts for the first six months of the present year are between two and three thousand dollars less than they were in the same months of last year, and we are obliged to borrow heavily to meet our October payment. These statements, added to the fact that our work is more expensive than formerly, show a necessity for increased contributions for its support, even as it now stands; while the pressure for its enlargement still continues.

AMONG THE PINES.

As a rule we publish but short extracts from the letters of our missionaries. But as an illustration of their trials, labors and success, together with the wants of their fields, we think the interest of the following from the last quarterly report of a young colored minister in charge of four churches among the pines of North Carolina, will make amends for its length.

PRAYER ANSWERED.

“This quarter has been spent with great encouragement to me, and I hope has proved a blessing to our church. Some time ago I became much discouraged to think how faithfully I had tried to preach, and could see but little fruit gained for the Master. And I prayed earnestly that the Lord might bless some part of my field. And as I had almost given up in despair, to my surprise the Lord on the sixteenth of September poured out his blessing upon C—— church. Here I labored two weeks without any help save one day. As I had become much exhausted, and as my duties called me to another part of the field, we were obliged to close the meetings. We closed with twenty-two converts, fifteen inquirers, and a congregation of between two and three hundred people. The church was crowded every night with people who came from five to ten miles, with torch-lights; many of whom were not able to get into the church for the press. This was a glorious meeting, and was conducted very orderly, considering the mixed multitude.

There has been a deep feeling of religious interest manifested in all my churches. I labored one week at L—— G—— also, previous to the communion, with the result of one convert. At these meetings I found people who had not been to church since the surrender. This is no exaggeration, as it may seem to you. The interest manifested generally in the attendance of the people, leads me to believe that Presbyterianism is gaining ground, and will soon be the leading denomination in this part of the south.

“COME OVER AND HELP US.”

“I have preached during the quarter at two other stations besides my four churches, and am constantly having calls as Paul did from Macedonia “Come over and help us.” At L——, one of the stations where I have preached—which is forty-five miles from C——, east—lives a minister of the Lutheran church, who has given his colored members a building for a church which is worth about eight hundred dollars, and will accommodate five hundred people. I was sent for to organize the church, but seeing no

chance of getting any help in these pine woods, I declined to do so. I do not like to take any more work on myself than I can manage. I shall continue to preach there until I shall see some chance of help. The other station is eighteen miles south from C—, and is a very promising place for a church. They desire organization also. * * *

PRAYER-MEETINGS, S. SCHOOLS AND CATECHISM.

“In regard to the prayer-meetings of the churches; they have been very interesting during the quarter. These meetings were conducted by the elders. I have been so busily engaged in preaching during the weeks, and getting to my church and back, I could not, and cannot conduct prayer-meetings. We have organized a young men’s prayer-meeting, which we hope will prove a blessing to the sanctification of these young brethren, that they may not be ashamed to pray in public. The Sabbath-schools are progressing slowly, for the want of competent teachers. They are getting along very well in the Shorter Catechism.”

ENCOURAGED.

From a colored missionary in South Carolina.

“I am pleased to say that our little congregation is growing nicely, considering that there are six colored churches in this city. The prospects for a large Presbyterian church here are encouraging. I have recently started a female prayer-meeting which is held at the church on Wednesday evening. I have seen the good effect of it already. It prepares them for the Master’s work and there seems to be more zeal and earnestness than before.”

RECEIPTS FOR FREEDMEN IN SEPTEMBER, 1878.

BALTIMORE.— <i>New Castle</i> —Milford, 8.	sele, 8-sch, 2 02. <i>Jersey City</i> —Tenafly, 1 35.
CENTRAL NEW YORK.— <i>Binghamton</i> —Oswego, 1st, 16 07; M’Grawville, 10. <i>Utica</i> —Utica, 1st, 41 01.	<i>Monmouth</i> —Cranbury, 1st, 25. <i>Morris & Orange</i> —Madison, 3 19. <i>New Brunswick</i> —Stockton, 1; Dutch Neck, 10. <i>Newton</i> —Yellow Frame, 1 09.
CINCINNATI.— <i>Cincinnati</i> —Cincinnati, 7th, 16; Cincinnati, 3d, s-sch, 10.	NEW YORK.— <i>Hudson</i> —Goodwill, 2 29; Scotchtown, 77 cents; Circleville, 4. <i>North River</i> —Rondout, 4 67; Cromwell on Hudson, 17.
CLEVELAND.— <i>Cleveland</i> —Cleveland, 1st, 18 50. <i>Steubenville</i> —Steubenville, Old 3. <i>Mahoning</i> —Youngstown, 1st, 24 25.	PHILADELPHIA.— <i>Lehigh</i> —Summit Hill, 1 47; Summit Hill, Sab-sch., 50 cts. <i>Lackawanna</i> —Franklin, 38 cents. <i>Westminster</i> —Donegal 4; Mt. Joy, 10. <i>Philadelphia, North</i> —Neshaminy of Warminster, 7 60.
COLUMBUS.— <i>Wooster</i> —Black Creek, 2.	PITTSBURGH.— <i>Pittsburgh</i> —Shady Side, 35 cts. <i>Redstone</i> —Rehoboth, 10 31; Little Redstone, 8. <i>Washington</i> —West Alexander, 76. West Virginia Lumberport, 1.
ERIE.— <i>Butler</i> —Centre, 1 03; Fairview, 4. <i>Erie</i> —Fairfield, 7; Erie, 1st, by Mrs. S. Coulter, 40; Tidioute, 9; Westminster, 6 10. <i>Kittanning</i> —Centre, 2.	TOLEDO.— <i>Bellefontaine</i> —Spring Hills, 52 cents. <i>Maumee</i> —Defiance, 7 66.
GENEVA.— <i>Chemung</i> —Elmira, 1st, 3 50.	WESTERN NEW YORK.— <i>Rochester</i> —Davisville, 15. <i>Niagara</i> —Lockport, 1st, 20.
HARRISBURG.— <i>Carlisle</i> —Upper Path Valley, 8. <i>Huntingdon</i> —Altoona, 2d, 46.	WISCONSIN.— <i>Milwaukee</i> —Waukesha, 10. <i>Winnebago</i> —Beaver Dam, 1st, 10 40; Beaver Dam Assembly, 2 25.
ILLINOIS, CENTRAL.— <i>Peoria</i> —Lewistown, 27 52.	MISCELLANEOUS.—“X. W.,” Ohio, 10; S. W. Brewster, Hannibal, N. Y., 25; Washington, D. C., 1; Legacy of Rev. A. S. White, late of Trenton, N. J., 100; Returned by Rev. N. H. Downing, 137 50.
ILLINOIS, NORTH.— <i>Rock River</i> —Fulton, 1.	
ILLINOIS, SOUTH.— <i>Alton</i> —Fosterburg, Ger. 9.	
INDIANA, NORTH.— <i>Ft. Wayne</i> —Swan, 2. <i>Muncie</i> —Wabash, 1 17.	
INDIANA, SOUTH.— <i>New Albany</i> —Lexington, 5. <i>White Water</i> —Versailles, 50 cents.	
IOWA, SOUTH.— <i>Iowa City</i> —Washington, 4.	
KANSAS.— <i>Highland</i> —Neuchatel, 2.	
MICHIGAN.— <i>Detroit</i> —Detroit, 1st, 39 88. <i>Lake Superior</i> —Menominee, 3.	
MISSOURI.— <i>St. Louis</i> —Salem, Ger. 3.	
NEW JERSEY.— <i>Elizabeth</i> —Roselle, 2 85; Ro-	

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ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED.

Rev. G. L. Roof and the church of Lowville, by the Pres. of Utica, Sept. 9th, 1878.

Rev. W. Q. Scott and the Arch Street church, by the Pres. of Phila. Central, Sept. 11th, 1878.

Rev. J. B. Grier and the church at Lawrenceville, Pa., by the Pres. of Wellsboro, Sept. 10th, 1878.

Rev. D. K. Millard and the church at Tecumseh, Mich., by the Pres. of Monroe, Sept. 3d, 1878.

Rev. William Hamilton, D.D., and the church at Northfield, Ohio, by the Pres. of Cleveland.

Rev. Chas. E. Burns and the Lehigh Avenue church, by the Pres. of Phila. Central, Oct. 1st, 1878.

Rev. R. Pease and the 2d Oswegatchie church, by the Pres. of St. Lawrence, Sept. 24th, 1878.

Rev. S. E. Elliott and the church at Frankfort; Rev. J. B. Graham and the church of Three Springs; both by the Pres. of Washington, Sept. 24th, 1878.

Rev. H. C. Westwood, D.D., and the Chambers church, by the Pres. of Phila. Oct. 7th, 1878.

Rev. W. B. Reed and the Upper Octorara church, and Rev. W. R. Halbert and the church at Penningtonville, by the Pres. of Cnester, Oct. 1st, 1878.

Rev. J. R. Miller and the Bethany church, and Rev. A. N. Keigwin and Southwark 1st church, by the Pres. of Phila., Oct. 15th, 1878.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. W. A. Hutchinson to the church at Knightstown, Ind.

Rev. E. A. Bulkley, D.D., to the church at Rutherford Park, N. J.

Rev. J. R. Miller to the Broadway church, Rock Island, Ills.

Rev. J. D. Fitzgerald to the church at Morristown Ohio.

Rev. C. C. Kimball, D.D., to the 2d church Kansas City, Mo.

Rev. H. C. Hazen to the church at Spencer, N. Y.

Rev. H. C. Westwood, D.D., to the Central church, Rock Island, Ills., as supply for one year.

Rev. A. H. Allen, to Islip, L. I., N. Y., as Stated Supply.

Rev. C. E. Burns to the church at Manayunk, Pres. of Philadelphia North.

Mr. W. A. Patton to Roxborough, Pres. of Philadelphia North.

Rev. T. C. Strong, D.D., to the Central church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. C. H. Foote, D.D., to the church at Ionia, Mich.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

Mr. H. A. McLean was ordained and installed pastor of the church at Dilworthtown, on the 9th of Sept., 1878, by the Pres. of Chester.

Rev. W. M. Ferguson was installed pastor of the church at Fredericktown, Ohio, Sept. 10th, 1878, by the Presbytery of Zanesville.

Rev. Rob't Edgar was installed pastor of the church at Aledo, Ills., by the Presbytery of Rock River, Sept. 11th, 1878.

Mr. J. G. Williamson was ordained and installed pastor of the Ainslie Street church, Brooklyn, Sept. 19th, 1878, by the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Rev. Alex. Proudfit was installed pastor of the church at Hackettstown, N. J., by the Presbytery of Newton, Sept. 19th, 1878.

Rev. Isaac N. Hayes was installed pastor of the Central church, Allegheny, Pa., by the Pres. of Allegheny, Sept. 17th, 1878.

Rev. Chas. H. Little was installed pastor of the 2nd church, New Albany, Ind., Sept. 19th, 1878, by the Pres. of New Albany.

Rev. E. P. Whallon was installed pastor of the church at Vincennes, Ind., Sept. 10th, 1878, by the Presbytery of Vincennes.

Mr. Wilson Asdale was ordained and installed pastor of the churches of Gallatin and Bethel, Mo., by the Presbytery of Platte, Sept. 10th, 1878.

Rev. C. F. Thomas was installed pastor of the newly-organized North-western church, by the Pres. of Phila. Central, Oct. 13th, 1878.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES CHANGED.

The address of Rev. Oliver Crane is Morristown, N. J., and not Richmond, Va., as given in the Minutes.

Rev. L. C. Littell from Taylorsville to Yates City, Ills.

Rev. C. P. Emerson from Stillwater, Minn., to Escanaba, Mich.

R-v. Jacob Post, D.D., from Chicago, Ill., to Milwaukee, Wis.

Correspondents will please address Rev. W. Scott Stites at 133 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. E. G. Bryant from Clarkston to Plymouth, Mich.

Rev. Alex. Proudfit from Clayton to Hackettstown, N. J.

Rev. C. R. Gregory, D. D., from Oxford to Lincoln University, Pa.

Rev. S. M. Glenn from Prosperity to Box 220, Sandy Lake, Pa.

Rev. H. L. Stanley from Wheatland, Iowa, to Lake Forest, Ill.

DEATHS.

Rev. John Arthur at Hanoverton, Ohio, Sept. 4th, 1878, aged 72 years.

Rev. Howard Kingsbury at Amherst, Mass., Sept. 28th, 1878.

Rev. C. E. Williams at Dunkirk, N. Y., Oct. 3d, 1878, in the 62d year of his age.

Rev. Jacob Coon at Albany, Ills, Sept. 17th, 1878, in the 78th year of his age.

Rev. B. B. Hotchkin, D. D., at Philadelphia Oct. 13th, 1878, aged 72 years.

Rev. J. A. Reiley, near Clinton, La., Sept. 30th, 1878, in the 63d year of his age.

Ministers are respectfully requested to furnish their changes of address directly to *The Monthly Record*. It is sent to all ministers of the Presbyterian Church, and it is important that their correct addresses should always be in the office.

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